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Students score high on assessment exams

Educational system academic profile examined; students rank well above other Missouri schools in series of tests concerning general course study

By SCOTT PUMMELL
Missourian Staff

The scores from the Coordinating Board for Higher Education's academic profile of Northwest's educational system have been given to the University, and students ranked well above the state average, according to Patti VanDyke, director of the Talent Development Center.

"These are what the University will now have to use to respond to the coordinating board about the 'Critical Choices' document," VanDyke said.

"Critical Choices" is the name of a policy paper that has been put together

by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education in consultation with the presidents of the Board of Regents of all Missouri public universities. This is the suggested statewide public policy initiatives and goals.

"The goals are to make all of the universities in the state complement each other as a system so as to create a coordinated and balanced, cost-efficient system in higher education," she said.

The academic profile is a series of tests given to college students as sophomores and then again as seniors, to judge the extent of the students' learning in general studies courses.

Of the 531 Northwest students that were tested, the majority were sophomores. Those tested had finished at least 75 percent of their general core courses.

"We have many more sophomores taking these tests than seniors, so really the scores we are looking at show us that the sophomores are doing really well," VanDyke said.

"The other side of that, though, is that the upperclassmen should have developed in the upper-level areas that were tested, such as reading and critical thinking," she said.

The CBHE uses these types of assessments to shape the structure of the universities and colleges in Missouri.

"The board wants a high-quality system," VanDyke said. "To do that, they want us all to become a little bit

more unlike each other - to be unique.

"They want us to differentiate our missions and also to differentiate the students we are drawing in, and then we must systematically demonstrate institutional performance - that our students are doing well, that we are meeting efficiency goals. They analyze what the needs of the students are going to be," she said.

The students at Northwest who took the test scored above the state average in humanities, natural sciences, reading and writing.

They scored along the lines of the state average in the social sciences and using mathematical data.

The only subject they scored below the state average in was critical thinking, a difficult area statewide according to VanDyke.

"Critical

thinking is a problem for students throughout the nation," VanDyke said. "We really seem to be spending so much time with the multiple-choice tests and that sort of thing.

"When it comes to interpreting the facts, drawing conclusions and generating a hypothesis, our nation's students are failing. They are much better at recalling the facts and those types of skills. This is not just a problem at Northwest but across the nation," she said.



VanDyke
test coordinator

The results of the testing will help to determine what changes need to be made in the different departments and also in the curriculum. The scores also help with placement, advising and funding, according to VanDyke.

"Often times when we assess students they wonder why they are the ones that have to be tested, but we are really not assessing the individual students," VanDyke said.

"We need the students to do their very best work on these, because we are assessing the program that we put them through. If at the end of three or four years, the students forget what we have taught them in a core course, then we are probably not teaching the right things in those core courses. We should be teaching lifetime and life-wide learning," she said.

LOVE IN BLOOM



Karli Genthe, a florist at Kissinger Flower Shop, arranges white carnations into a Valentine's bouquet, Wednesday, Feb. 10. Kissinger, along with other Maryville flower shops, have found themselves extremely busy with Valentine's Day gift orders. They expect to get busier as the holiday approaches.

UPDATE

Parking Lot Committee to present alternative plan

By LISA KLINDT
Missourian Staff

With all of the concern and controversy it stirred, has the proposed parking lot for the Lamkin Gym renovations been forgotten? Not exactly.

"It's one of those things that has been put on the back burner," Student Senate President Jeni Schug said. "Things have been really hush-hush."

Schug will present a resolution to the parking problem at the Board of Regents meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the University Club South in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

"We (Parking Lot Committee) are checking back in with the Board," Schug said. "We want to put some sort of closure to it."

When the idea of creating more parking space for the campus formulated, a committee of students, faculty, administrators and Maryville residents was assembled.

One proposal the Regents has looked into is to use the residential block south of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

This caused concern over the demolition of the houses that now occupy the area, including the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity house and the Christ's Way Inn.

Now, it seems as though the issue has cooled down.

"Right now everything is kind of at a standstill," Michael Caldwell, Phi Sigma Kappa president, said.

"I think the board is kind of waiting on us - to hear our proposal. They may or may not act on our idea," he said.

The committee's purpose was to look into alternative plans in finding the best solution for the parking lot problem.

According to Schug, no study has ever been done to prove a new parking lot was needed. Schug said it is something the University would like to accommodate the new Lamkin Gym facilities.

"I think we did a positive thing as students," Schug said. "When the idea was first proposed, people really jumped on it and went nuts. There were

all kinds of petitions and research surveys done. I think President (Dean) Hubbard and the Board of Regents realized there was a lot of concern."

Schug said the committee plans to make a resolution stating the location they support for construction.

She said the committee believes if something has to be done, they support improving the area to the west of Mary Linn.

The committee hopes to bring some sort of closure to the situation and make the affected residents feel more stable about their homes.

"We really want to do some good PR work," said Annette Weymuth, executive assistant to the president and an adviser to the committee. "We'll need some good lighting and improvement in the area."

According to Schug, the committee supports making improvements in the area by paving the lot, adding more lights, leveling the area, improving the sidewalks and making sure the area is surfaced.

She said the area would be ideal because no residents or organizations would be affected, and it would be cheaper because the University owns the land.

"It will take a concerted effort," Weymuth said. "People will have to be willing to walk to the area."

Weymuth said it is important to be aware the committee can only offer suggestions. The Regents will make the final decision following discussions of the new proposals.

"It's my personal feeling that nothing is going to be done," Caldwell said.

"Hopefully, they'll take our (the committee's) idea into serious consideration. I think it is the best place as far as feasibility, and it's also more economical," he said.



Schug
plans resolution

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Phi Sigma Kappa president

SEMINAR

37 students learn leadership

Conference teaches motivation, features campus administrators, Chamber of Commerce officer

By HEIDI SCHLEGELMILCH
Missourian Staff

"You have to be assertive to be a leader," Student Senate President Jeni Schug said.

Schug was one of the speakers who attended the Student/Leadership Northwest Conference last weekend in the University Conference Center.

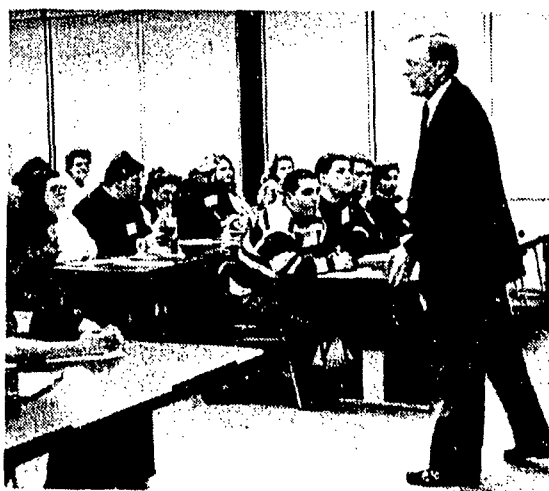
The conference began on Friday evening with registration. Thirty-seven students attended the conference, seven more than were expected, according to Schug. Attendance was to be capped at 30, but during the first two days of pre-registration, so much interest was shown that more students were allowed to attend.

Following registration, Maryville Chamber of Commerce President Greg Fisher welcomed the group of 37 students to the second annual Student/Leadership Northwest Conference.

"He was really excited that such a large group of students set their weekend aside to get involved," Schug said.

A joint speech on motivation was later delivered by community figures Rollie Stadman and Steve Mickelson.

Saturday morning began another day of leadership and learning. Students were served coffee and



Rollie Stadman, senior vice president of the First Bank of Maryville, speaks at Student/Leadership Northwest Friday, Feb. 5.

doughnuts before a seminar on self-esteem and motivation by Angela Knight, a counselor from the University counseling center.

"The self-esteem and assertiveness seminar with Angela Knight was excellent," Schug said. "She did a good job motivating students first thing in the morning."

Although Melissa Farley, a member of Student

B.D. OWENS

New service assists in research

Program enables students to decrease research time, learn about library facilities

By DAWN EMMONS
Missourian Staff

If you are having trouble finding information for a research paper, librarians at B.D. Owens Library can help.

The Paper Personalized Library User Service provides one-on-one help for students through in-depth library research.

"We spend about a half hour with each student helping them find information on their topic," Carolyn Johnson, science librarian, said. "Sometimes, if a topic is difficult, we go outside of the library, like to other colleges, to find information that we don't have."

The program was tested for short peri-

ods of time last fall and spring, and it proved to be a positive program for the University library.

"The program got raving reviews last year after evaluations were completed," Johnson said. "The students really seemed to appreciate it. So, the library decided to make the program full time for the spring 1993 semester."

Some students wished the program would have been implemented sooner.

"I wish it would have been here earlier," Jeff Barrington, graduate student, said. "The first time I used it was my senior year. Since then I have used it three or four times."

One of the main objects of the program is to familiarize students with different types of documents.

"It mostly helped me with learning how to use certain documents," Barrington said. "I was unsure at first, but now I know how

to use them."

The service is available to students in 200 or above level courses.

Appointments must be made at least three days in advance at the reference desk in the library.

"We have the students make their appointments three days in advance so we have time to look for research before they come in," Johnson said.

The idea for this program stemmed from what other colleges call "term-paper clinics." The librarians at B.D. Owens Library liked the idea and chose to adopt the idea in a different format.

This program benefits the librarians as well as the students.

"The librarians end up learning a lot on the topics because they are so varied," Johnson said. "We find out everything that is in our library."

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UNIVERSITY

Sexual harassment discussed

A sexual harassment workshop is being sponsored by the Employment Equity Opportunity Committee Monday, Feb. 15, and Thursday, Feb. 18, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom Lounge.

Faculty and staff workshops will begin at 11 a.m. and noon each day, and student workshops will be at 7 p.m. each evening.

Retreat planned for future priests

College-aged and older men from the state of Iowa who are interested in the Roman Catholic priesthood are invited to attend the Iowa Discernment Retreat for Priesthood set for March 12-14 in Carroll, Iowa.

The retreat is sponsored by the four Catholic dioceses of Iowa and will give participants time to learn about the priesthood, ask questions and meet others who share an interest in the priesthood.

The retreat will take place at the Carrollton Inn beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12. The weekend concludes at 1 p.m. Sunday, March 14.

Deadline for registration is Friday, March 5.

There is no charge for the retreat. Questions and registration should be directed to Rev. Dan Guenther, Director of Vocations, RR 2, Box 37, Scranton, Iowa 51462; or call (712) 652-3448.

Tickets on sale for cultural meal

Alpha Mu Gamma, the national foreign language honor society, is preparing a taste of cultures through an International Mardi Gras at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The event features international dishes from France, Spain and Mexico, bringing new twists to chicken, beef and pork.

Recipes for these and other dishes will be available for \$2 after the meal.

Northwest students will entertain with traditional song and dance from their cultures. The speaker for the evening will be University President Dean Hubbard.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at the Student Services desk in the Administration Building. No refunds will be available after Tuesday, Feb. 16.

For more information contact the history and humanities department at extension 1290.

Career Day not only for seniors

Spring Career Day will be held from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Company representatives will set up display booths and visit informally with students. Students are encouraged to ask questions regarding particular majors, summer employment, internships and cooperative education programs. Students will be able to explore full-time employment possibilities as well, but this event is not strictly designed for seniors.

Representatives will also be well-stocked with information, such as annual reports and brochures, about their organizations.

Musical competition to be held

Fifty high school jazz and show choirs will compete at Northwest Missouri State University's Show/Jazz Choir Saturday, Feb. 13.

The event has attracted musical groups from Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

BEAUTY PAGEANT

Contest crowns Miss Northwest

Missouri Western education major wins with platform to fight illiteracy; Little Miss Northwest also selected

By STEVEN WOOLFOLK
Associate Editor

The 1993 Miss Northwest Missouri Scholarship Awards were held Saturday, Feb. 6, with Brandy Hodge of Missouri Western State College being awarded the title of Miss Northwest Missouri 1993.

The evening featured not only the coronation of the new Miss Northwest Missouri, but three performances by Northwest Celebration, two vocal solos by Miss Northwest Missouri 1992 Debra Massengale and the Little Miss Northwest Missouri competition.

Hodge, a 20-year-old elementary education major, won the title with a vocal performance of Barbra Streisand's "My Man" and a platform focusing on illiteracy.

"I think our illiteracy rate is growing far outrageously out," Hodge said. "I find it very important that we really look at it and emphasize it, and one thing I think we need to do to really work on illiteracy rate is by starting in through school. I think we need to divide our students into smaller groups according to their reading level, so we could have more teacher-student one-on-one work together."

Freshman Marnie Moore was the only Northwest student to place in the event.

Moore, a vocal music education major, was the third runner-up.

Moore performed a vocal solo of "Can't Help Lovin' That Man" from the Broadway play "Showboat" and held more funding for AIDS research as her platform.

"I think AIDS is big problem in the United States and all over the country right now, and I want to speak out about that," Moore said.

She said she would like to organize a group of college and high school students to travel across the country to educate others about AIDS.

"(I would like to) get speakers who maybe have AIDS or who are experiencing HIV positive who could possibly get AIDS, so they could speak out about how they received that disease and teach children that abstinence is the way they should keep from getting AIDS and all the consequences that come with it."

The platforms are a part of the interview process done earlier in the day by the judges and are usually not seen by the audience.

ROAD WORK CONTINUES

\$10.6 million project to be completed in '93

New location of Highway 71 will decrease traffic tie-ups, number of trucks downtown

By JODI PULS
Assistant Editor

To leave Maryville these days means driving through a construction zone thanks to two construction projects.

The first project began in January 1992 and entailed grading and drainage of the route 136 intersection.

The second, which started in October 1992 included grading and surfacing Route 148 and paving the relocated Highway 71.

One of the results of the relocation of Highway 71 will be less traffic downtown.

"It will take about 90 percent of all the truck traffic out of town and about 30 percent total traffic," Bill Gillette, city manager, said.

According to Gary Chedwiggen, district one engineer, the construction should improve the traffic movement in Maryville.

"The truck traffic that doesn't want to stop in Maryville will take the relocation," Chedwiggen said.

Gillette also expects to see businesses relocating to the area, which will affect

the population of the city. More and more people will settle here.

"With more shopping opportunities, the community as a whole would be more attractive," Gillette said.

According to Chedwiggen, the two projects will cost tax payers \$10.6 million, all of which comes from Missouri. It all comes from highway user tax and gas tax, 80 percent coming from federal gas tax, and 20 percent from state funds and state gas tax.

It started 20 years ago when the citizens of Maryville decided something needed to be done about traffic congestion through town.

The result was the relocating of Highway 71, to bypass downtown, which should be completed by November.

"The congestion and the traffic through Maryville - through the main street of Maryville - was a problem with large trucks and the volume of traffic that has been growing over the years," Chedwiggen said.

The city held public meetings, according to Chedwiggen, to decide what should be done to decrease the amount of traffic and traffic congestion in town.

It was decided that Highway 71 be relocated to the east of town, which would allow traffic to bypass the downtown area.



DON CARRICK/Northwest Missourian

Taking her walk on the runway, Brandy Hodge of Missouri Western State College celebrates being named Miss Northwest Missouri 1993 Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

However, this year the Radio-Television News Directors Association at Northwest taped the interviews and showed each of the candidates' platforms via a large screen projector.

Master of Ceremonies Mike Johnson said this was the first time the Miss Northwest Missouri Scholarship Pageant had used anything like that, and he would like to see it repeated next year.

Other placings in the pageant include Anne Marie Sun of the University of Missouri-Columbia, first runner-up; Christi Cromer of Central Missouri State University, second run-

ner-up; and Lisa Stottlemire of North Central Missouri College, fourth runner-up.

The title of Little Miss Northwest Missouri for 1993 was passed down from 1992 winner Jill Barkow to Maggie Johnson, the 5-year-old daughter of Mark and Susie Johnson of Maryville.

Other placings in the Little Miss Northwest Missouri competition were second runner-up Krista Lane, the 7-year-old daughter of Leland and Georgia Lane of Maryville, and first runner-up Adrienne Ellis, the 5-year-old daughter of Bruce and Rhonda Ellis of Maryville.



STATE NEWS

Congresswoman appointed to subcommittee

Congresswoman Pat Danner has been appointed to serve as a member of the subcommittee on Rural Enterprises, Exports and the Environment of the House Committee on Small Business.

Danner actively sought this appointment saying, "My ability to serve the needs of the people of the 6th District of Missouri will be greatly enhanced by being a member of the Rural Enterprise subcommittee."

Danner also serves on the Committee on Public Works and Transportation and its subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Aviation and Economic Development.

Untrue campaigns may be halted in Missouri

A bipartisan effort to restore ethical conduct in political campaigns took center stage in the Missouri Senate this past week.

Senate Bill 302, the so-called "To Tell the Truth" bill, has nothing to do with the old television game show. The measure requires candidates for political office in Missouri to run truthful campaign advertisements.

The bill was recently introduced in the Senate, and committee hearings are expected to be held soon.

The main provision of the bill states that if a candidate runs untruthful ads, he or she could then be sued by the subject of the false advertisement. It would not outlaw negative advertisements, just untrue ones.

Accounting students may face new requirements

A proposal requiring additional education for accounting students is currently being considered in the Missouri House and Senate after previously being defeated in the 1991 and 1992 legislative sessions.

This proposal, dubbed the 150-Hour Law, requires an accounting student to complete a fifth year of college, or 150 semester units, before being allowed to take the Certified Public Accountant Examination and become a CPA.

This same proposal was rejected recently by the Michigan and Massachusetts legislatures when they adjourned for the 1992 session on Dec. 31 and Jan. 5, respectively.

Defeats by these two states bring the total number of states rejecting the 150-Hour Law to 14.

The Coalition Against Restrictive Entry into the CPA Profession, a coalition group opposing the 150-Hour Law across the nation, believes if the bill passes it will be detrimental to the public and the accounting profession.



NATIONAL NEWS

'Dr. Death' assists his 12th suicide patient

Jack Kevorkian, "Dr. Death," helped his 12th patient commit suicide Monday, Feb. 8, Elaine Goldbaum was suffering from multiple sclerosis.

Critics believe Kevorkian, who is facing a ban on assisted suicide that takes effect March 30, is speeding up efforts to help people die.

After Goldbaum's death, police confiscated Kevorkian's carbon monoxide equipment, but did not arrest him. Michigan has no law prohibiting doctor-assisted suicide.

The new ban would make assisting suicide a felony. The ban will last 15 months while a commission draws up a permanent bill. (USA Today)

General Motors accuses NBC of faking crash

Last week, an Atlanta jury awarded \$105.2 million to the family of Shannon Moseley, who was killed when his '77 General Motors truck burst into flames in a crash.

The case took a twist Monday, Feb. 4, when GM sued NBC, claiming the network faked the crash-and-burn video shown last November on "Dateline NBC." This is the first defamation suit ever filed by GM. It charges NBC rigged a truck with model rocket engines to fake a crash fire. NBC News President Michael Gartner admits "sparking devices" were used but says the broadcast was "fair and accurate."

He accused GM of using the lawsuit "to divert attention from the central issue" of whether its 1973-87 pickup trucks are safe. NBC is owned by General Electric, so the GM suit pits two of the USA's corporate executives against each other. (USA Today)

Disney's top videos will be taken off store shelves

The No. 1 and 3 best-selling videos of all time, "Beauty and the Beast" and "101 Dalmatians" will be taken off of the market this spring as part of Disney's strategy to make its classics available only once in a generation.

Retailers have until March 31 to stock up on "Dalmatians" and until April 2 for "Beauty." The videos will be on shelves after that, but only until they sell out. Three others disappear after April 30: "The Great Mouse Detective," "The Rescuers" and "The Rescuers Down Under."

Disney classics typically are on the market six months to a year before disappearing.

Stores tend to stock up before a title leaves the market. (USA Today)



WORLD NEWS

German chancellor may ask for cuts in military

German Chancellor Kohl promised Monday not to reduce the German military without consulting with NATO, apparently in an attempt to put an end to potential trouble with Washington.

At an international security conference held this weekend in Munich, Kohl said he would like to reduce the German military, called the Bundeswehr, to help pay for unification. However, he said he wanted U.S. troops to remain in Germany.

Many questions were raised in Washington as to why Kohl expects the United States to pay for American troops in Germany while Germany decreases its military spending. (Kansas City Star)

U.S. company burned in Liberia by rebel forces

Retreating rebels allegedly set fire to the world's largest rubber plantation last weekend in Liberia.

The plant is owned by the U.S. company Bridgestone-Firestone Inc. A spokesman for the company said the fires were small, but they did cause noticeable damage.

A U.N. official in Monrovia said he had no information because the area was in a war zone. Authorities said the fighting was taking place between a West African force and rebels. (Kansas City Star)

Government officials suggest dividing Bosnia

Government officials in Bosnia-Herzegovina have said international mediators were proposing what amounts to a division of Sarajevo along ethnic lines.

The claims could slow U.N.-backed peace plans to form 10 semi-autonomous regions in Bosnia. Authorities added that a division of the capital would deal a serious blow to residents who have held out despite months of bombardment by Serb forces in the surrounding hills.

Any division of the capital also would be a bitter blow for residents who have held out despite months of bombardment by Serb forces in the surrounding hills.

Details of the reported proposal to divide the capital were leaked to a Sarajevo radio station.

U.N. officials confirmed the plan proposed some divisions of Sarajevo, but wondered whether the Bosnian government was trying to cripple the peace in hopes the Clinton administration will come to their aid. (Kansas City Star)

OUR VIEW

Editorials express the view of the Northwest Missourian. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists and readers.

Diverse history warrants study

This month is designated as a month to celebrate the profound contributions made by African Americans throughout history. February is a month for us to not only celebrate the lives and accomplishments of these individuals, but it is also a time for us to broaden our horizons and take it upon ourselves to learn more about these important contributors to history.

This enlightenment should not be held within the boundaries of a month. It should carry over into every month of every year. We, as students, should be especially responsible to learn more about the impact certain African Americans had on this nation's history.

This cultural enlightenment should also be expanded. We should know the history of all Americans. Go beyond the textbooks and films you sat through in high school.

Open your mind to the true history of our nation.

Dostoevsky once wrote, "There is no subject so old that something new cannot be said about it." This is especially true when applied to American history. Question the facts presented to you. In this, you will eventually find the truth.

We all, as students and citizens, have a responsibility to understand the reasons why certain aspects of our society are the way they are today. This understanding can only be accomplished through cultural awareness.

Students should be aware of the many differences we, as a nation, possess. There are many different cultures flourishing in the United States, and each one deserves recognition.

We need to be students in the true sense of the word. We need to be seekers of knowledge and seekers of truth. This process requires some work, but we cannot afford to be ignorant.

Find out what changes were brought forth by the brave Mexican Americans who used civil disobedience to draw attention to the plight of the migrant farm workers in California in 1965.

Find out why some Native Americans are still angry with this nation. Find out why the American Indian Movement took control of Wounded Knee, S.D., in February of 1973.

Find out who Ida Tarbell was and how she brought down one of the most powerful monopolies in the late 1800s with a piece of journalism.

All of these events and people played vital roles in the shaping of our nation. Yet, they are not fully elaborated in most textbooks. This may soon change, but for the time being, students must take the initiative and learn about these important events through their individual efforts.

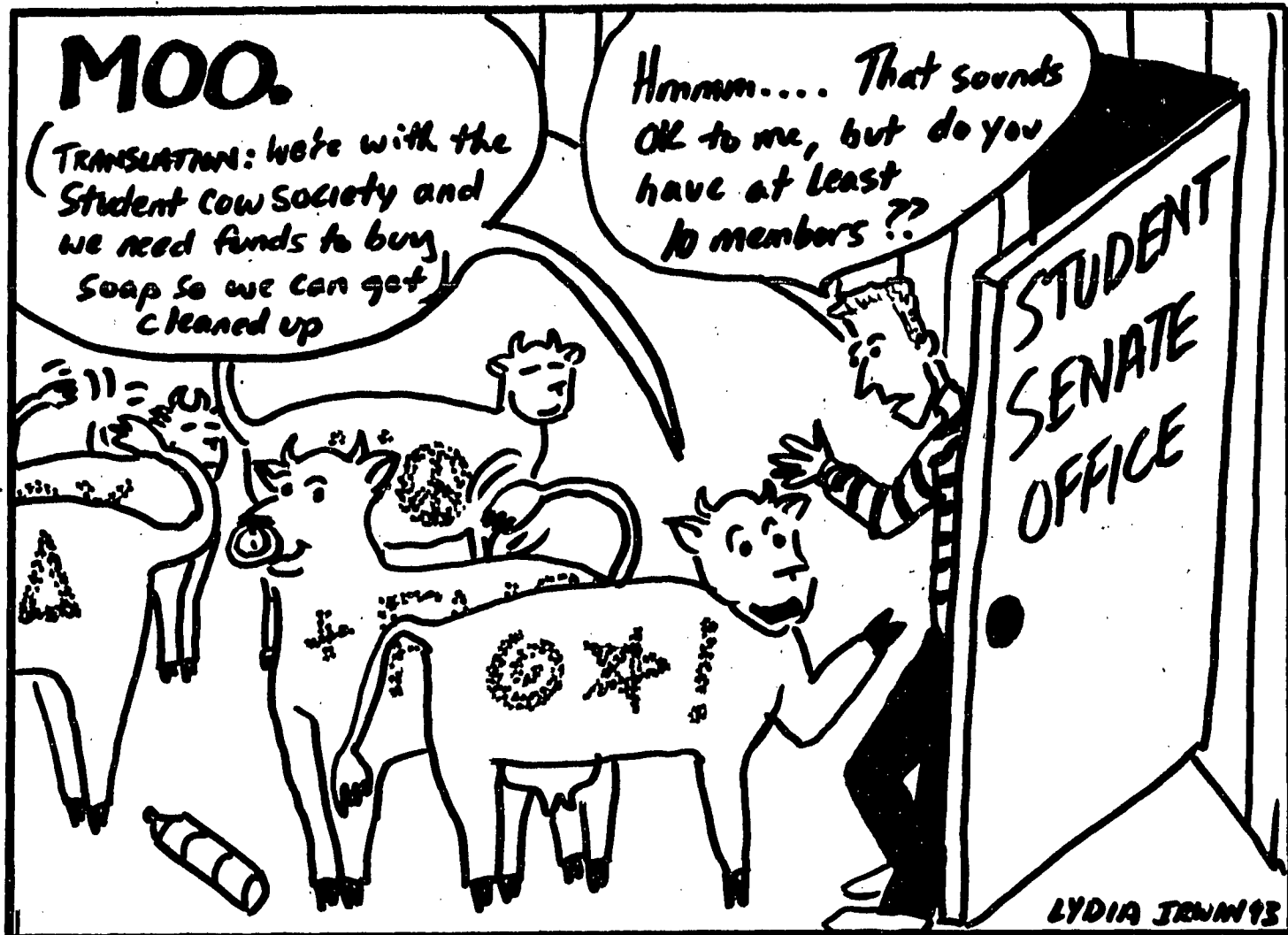
In the immortal words of Benjamin Franklin, "We must all hang together, or assuredly we shall all hang separately."

This generation holds the power to change the thinking of society. We must be the leaders of the cultural awareness movement.

Being aware of the colorful past is our responsibility.

This is a month to celebrate and educate ourselves. It is a month to honor the history of African Americans. We need to remember their efforts and accomplishments. This should not stop after the month has ended. Learn about your history.

Cultural enlightenment should be continuous. Pay close attention to the past and the future contributions all Americans make to this country.



MY TURN



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Assistant Editor

Freedom, justice and equality not part of life in America

Acquittal would cause violence

The U.S. flag is supposed to symbolize freedom, justice and equality, but it is flying over a country that cannot promise those things to its citizens.

This was evident on April 14, when police officers accused of assaulting Rodney King were acquitted. After that, to put it lightly, all hell broke loose.

Now, those same officers are in federal court, and I can only hope the jury does not make the same mistake this time. And I think people are living in a magical dreamland if they don't think the same outbreaks will occur if the officers are acquitted once again.

I've talked to students at Northwest who are from Los Angeles, and they not only see an outcome of violence, but more organized and damaging violence.

They also believe if riots occur they will not be contained to the Los Angeles area, but will spread to Beverly Hills, Hollywood and across the nation.

Unfortunately, this may be what it takes to get police and other authorities to do something before there is a nationwide massacre.

It would be wonderful to believe so much has changed in less than one year that people would not feel the same hatred and anger they felt toward "the system" in April.

But if feelings toward African Americans have not changed enough since slavery was outlawed over 125 years ago to a point where police or anyone else would not feel it was necessary to judge a person by the color of his skin, how can it be expected that people's views have changed in a matter of months?

It's nice to know that living here in Maryville the effects would be nothing compared to what would happen in Los Angeles and other large cities across the nation if they are acquitted, but I think we would all be dreaming if we thought it would not touch us at all.

Although, it is also my belief that if the officers in this case are acquitted, and the three black men accused of assaulting Reginald Denny are found guilty, the aftermath of the decision would be 10-fold what happened in L.A. in April.

If there is another acquittal, people living in L.A. and in other parts of the country where violent outbreaks oc-

cur, will not be free. They will be bound by hatred toward their fellow man, imprisoned in their own homes by fear. I don't believe that is what the founding fathers had in mind when they decided to be a free nation.

Everyday, children in America are misled by the educational system. They learn the words "with freedom and justice for all," but they are not taught to live them. In schools where desegregation has been mandated, the administrators have grouped all of the white students into one classroom with a few black students.

Not only is this segregating the students, it is teaching them things don't have to be equal or just; they only have to be the way those with authority want it to be.

If children are not taught about freedom, justice and equality, these things will never exist.

It is up to our generation to change the way things are. If we don't start teaching the next generation that things have to change, they won't, and 20 years from now, we will still have the same problems.

It is time to put an end to racism, discrimination and prejudice.

CAMPUS VOICE

What do you think the outcome will be if the police officers accused of assaulting Rodney King are acquitted?

"The riots wouldn't start again, but a more racial epidemic would come out of it, but I don't think the riots would start again. We are to well prepared for that now."



Josh Hill,
sophomore

"Honestly, I don't think anything will happen because I think the police and other officials will be ready this time."



Craig Sewald,
sophomore

"I think there would be more violence, but I hope not."



Lisa Whiteing,
senior

"It would depend on how big the media played it up. Last time the reason the riots broke out they kept playing the tapes over and over on every channel. If that happens again we will see the same response, because people will get frustrated all over again."



John Kilby,
freshman

"It changes a couple of things, puts more people in the spotlight. I'm not so sure if its going to change a great deal, it also depends on how publicized it is."



Jeff Curtis,
senior



Murray Farish
Missourian Staff

Tennis champion displayed integrity, strength during fight with AIDS

World will feel loss of Ashe

Arthur Ashe died Saturday after a long battle with AIDS. That simple and dignified statement illustrates the way Ashe chose to live his life.

He never wanted the world to know he had the disease. Ashe did not choose to be anyone's martyr or champion.

When the press invaded his life and forced him to reveal his sickness, he did so with quiet dignity and strength. In a word, Arthur Ashe was graceful.

When he was on the tennis court, fighting against not only the best players in the world, but against the bias and hatred of racism as well, he carried himself the same way. Arthur Ashe never complained. He just won.

This time, though, Ashe faced an enemy he couldn't defeat. AIDS doesn't play fair. It stacks the deck and makes you play by its rules.

Again, Ashe did not complain. When the news broke of his sickness, he picked up the ball. He chaired, very quietly and successfully, two of the leading AIDS research groups in the country, at Harvard and UCLA. He was a tireless fund-raiser; a tireless speaker; and a tireless, albeit quiet, hero in the fight against AIDS.

The Kansas City Star ran a very small story about Ashe's death. If Magic Johnson dies after battling AIDS, the story will be huge. But the fact of the matter is, to use sports terminology, Johnson, as a spokesman, as an AIDS activist, as a human being, couldn't carry Ashe's jockstrap.

When word broke about Johnson's illness, I was stunned. When he came out of retirement to play so well in the NBA All-Star game, I cheered.

As the months wore on, though, I found myself growing tired of hearing the same things from Johnson.

The first thing he wanted to make sure you understood, very clearly, was that he was not gay. No, sir, not Magic. He got AIDS from all the women he slept with on the road. He had his pick. Five and six at a time he'd tell us with a nudge and a wink. Magic was no queer.

What I wanted to know was, so what? That's what AIDS says, so what? AIDS doesn't care how you get it. It just kills you.

A few months later Johnson released his book, which was supposed to tell people how not to catch AIDS, but instead just rehearsed Johnson's bedroom exploits. Shortly thereafter, Johnson quit the President's Commission on AIDS, citing a lack of commitment on the part of George Bush to fighting the disease.

When I found out that Johnson had only attended two of the eight meetings held during his membership on the commission, that was the last straw for Magic and me. He goes to 25 percent of the meetings and has the audacity to talk about a lack of commitment. Then he said he'd be glad to go back on the commission if Clinton was elected. Has he?

No. Magic would rather go on talk shows and complain about lack of commitment from evil Republicans than do the real work necessary to fight AIDS.

And this, hopefully, will be the legacy of Arthur Ashe. Hopefully, he will be remembered as a man who met adversity with grace and inner strength. A man who knew that hard, unlimelighted work was the key to winning. A man who fought, the right way, all the way to the end.

What Johnson still hasn't figured out is that all the money and fame in the

world won't stop AIDS and saving your own face doesn't mean a hill of beans to people who are dying. It's time to put petty politics aside and stop discriminating against good money and bad in this fight.

If you have the means, there are numerous worthy foundations fighting this war the same way Ashe did, and they could use your help.

If you have the time, donate it. But do it quietly and gracefully, and never give up.

And if you happen to think about it, give people like Arthur Ashe a moment or two inside your head this weekend. If you happen to be a religious person, say a little prayer. A dignified, quiet, graceful prayer.

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Michelle Snell and Jenny Squibb discuss the material laid out for the Alliance of Black Collegians Hall of Fame Thursday, Feb. 4. This is the first Hall of Fame that has been open to the public.

'Walk This Way' brochure earns national recognition

Description of sources differentiates pamphlet from similar catalogues

By HAWKEYE WILSON
Missourian Staff

Hard work and determination have paid off for those dedicated to the network of Learning Assistance Programs/Services. The network and its brochure, "Walk This Way," have been commended to receive an award from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

"The point that makes the brochure unique is seldom do you find a description of sources," Robert Culbertson, vice president for Academic Affairs, said.

"The brochure provides an educational format of services on campus," he said.

The award, sponsored by J.C. Penney Co. Inc., is given each year to colleges and universities dedicated to helping students with learning disabilities.

The Learning Assistance Programs/Services started at Northwest in 1985. The Writing Center, Math Lab and Counseling Center were the first programs to offer tutoring to students at

the University.

Thanks in part to English and math majors, as well as upperclassmen and graduate students, students who sought help had the convenience of walking in without an appointment.

After receiving federal and state funding, the Learning Assistance Programs/Services network proceeded with developing Student Support Services, the Talent Development Center and the Assistance Student Athlete Program.

The program increase resulted in the "Walk This Way" brochure. Culbertson organized departments to produce the brochure at the beginning of the 1991 academic year.

The brochure has increased awareness of the programs and services offered on campus. Last semester the center tutored nearly 2,000 hours to 600-800 students.

The directors of departments in the "Walk This Way" brochure have listed goals and expectations for students

seeking tutoring. This prepares the student for the program's intentions.

"Every one of us in teaching and learning want to indicate to students that we support their learning and offer them everything we can reasonably make sure they are successful," Pat

VanDyke, director of the Talent Development Center, said.

The brochure is given to Freshman Seminar advisers to hand out during class. It is also sent to high school counselors to distribute to students.

"I wanted students to know that there were services offered at Northwest," Denise Ottinger, dean of students, said.

Ottinger taught Freshman Seminar during the 1991-92 academic year and passed the brochure out to the class at the beginning of the year.

"We are in a process of defining ourselves as a moderately selective institution," VanDyke said. "The faculty members are doing everything to accommodate to the needs of the Northwest University community."

"Every one of us in teaching and learning want to indicate to students that we support their learning..."

Robert Culbertson
vice president for
Academic Affairs

Senate seeks improved relations with halls

Representatives' presence at group meetings may open lines of communication with residents

By JENNIFER STEWART
Missourian Staff

Student Senate proposed a program Tuesday, Feb. 9, that could promote better relationships with the various University residence halls.

Trent Skaggs, Senate member, suggested it is necessary for not only hall council representatives to attend the Senate meetings, but for Senate members to attend hall council meetings periodically.

"We feel that it is important for Senate to go to the hall meetings instead of them always having to come to us," Skaggs said. "Senate also should go to various organization meetings such as IFC and ISO."

He said it would be of great benefit to both Student Senate and the residence halls because some sort of mutual involvement would help improve

the lines of communication between the Senate and the halls.

Senate President Jeni Schug reported the Student/Leadership Northwest Conference had been deemed a success, and it was enjoyed by all those who chose to attend the event.

Schug thanked those members who attended. Byron Willis and Ken Miller, two of the speakers at the retreat, were thanked and complimented for doing a great job.

The American Marketing Association requested \$200 to attend a three-day national convention in New Orleans; \$2,982 is needed for the trip.

The \$200 will help cut the costs for the eight members and two advisers who will be attending. The rest of the money will be raised through various fund-raising events.

The issue will be voted on at the next Senate meeting.

Amnesty International requested \$160 to help purchase T-shirts in order to help do fund-raisers.

Amnesty International is trying to raise enough money to send letters to various governments.

The organization has already planned a concert to be held at The Outback Feb. 20 to help raise the money but requested the additional funds to aid their search.

The fact of allocating money to sponsor a fund-raiser was brought up by Jenny Blair. It was decided the money would help the cause of Amnesty International - not the campus organization.

The issue was voted on, and Senate elected to grant Amnesty the funds they requested.

It was also brought to Senate's at-

tention that they have a balance of about \$1,500 left to allocate to various organizations requesting funds this semester for their activities.

"We feel that it is important for Senate to go to the hall meetings instead of them always having to come to us."

Trent Skaggs
Senate member

Senate announced the Student Senate T-shirts are now in. Members were reminded to pick up their shirts and that they were \$8.11 and that extra large T-shirts would cost \$9.11.

Curtis Heldstab thanked Senate for the \$200 allocated to the ROTC Color Guard at the last meeting. The money will be used to help them attend Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

Heldstab was also asked to give a brief drill team demonstration.

Senate members then asked about the possibility of creating a drill team for the University.



JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

While discussing Earth Day events, which is April 22, sophomore Dawn Cooley asks for Student Senate volunteers on Tuesday, Feb. 9.

Senate sponsors conference

LEADERS continued from page 1

Support Services, did not see herself as a leader before the conference, but said she found Knight's seminar inspirational.

Farley said she believes now, she has the skills and the motivation to hold office one day. According to Schug, Knight's message left students with a motivated mind set.

She said Knight made it obvious that assertiveness is the key to leadership.

Following lunch, Student Senate Vice President Byron Willis and graduate student Ken Miller spoke on empowerment and delegation and their importance in the workplace.

In the afternoon, Faculty Senate

President David Slater, Student Board of Regents representative Connie Magee, RHA President Scott Von Behren and Schug spoke.

They explained their roles and what they entailed as well as an overview of what Student Senate does and how the organization is run. The conference ended at 4 p.m., following a speech given by Slater.

"I talked to a lot of participants after the conference," Schug said.

"I think it motivated everyone now that they have all these new skills they can use," she said.

According to Schug, the conference let it be known students can pull through and teach the members and volunteers in their groups about self-motivation.

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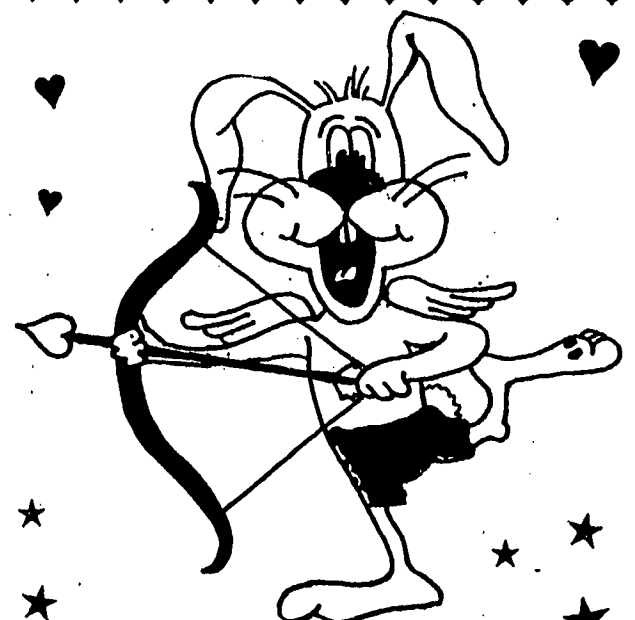
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The Pickle Family Circus will bring its "new circus" to Northwest at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

The Pickle Family Circus is San Francisco's traveling troupe of performers who clown, juggle, tumble, balance and catapult through the air. The on-stage antics are accompanied by the live music of the group's five-piece, contemporary jazz band.

"Tossing and Turning" is the latest touring show of the Pickle Family Circus and will be featured during the Northwest show. The performance will feature juggling, a trapeze act, hoop diving, hand balancing, a teeterboard and the group bicycle finale.

The Pickle Family Circus is the first professional troupe in the Western Hemisphere to start the "new circus" renaissance. Rather than three rings of extravaganza, the Pickles and circuses of this type have concentrated on the art of circus by integrating acrobatics, aerial work, balancing, juggling and wire walking with originally composed music, dance and themes or stories which push this art form — the fifth form — to a more theatrical form.

Founded in 1974, the Pickle Family Circus has been known for its innovation, intimacy with the audience and clowning.

The Pickle Family Circus has traveled up and down the coast of the

Pacific Northwest, providing entertainment for not-for-profit child-care centers, schools, Rotary clubs and colleges.

Tickets are \$5 with a Northwest ID and for children 12 and under, \$8 for senior citizens and other students, and \$10 for adults.

Reserved seat tickets are currently on sale at the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and at the Mary Linn Box Office from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

The circus is part of the Northwest Encore Performances series, and tour management has been provided by the Mid-America Arts Alliance.

Binge drinking remains steady

Survey proves college students use fewer illicit narcotics, but continue to keep alcohol companies profiting

Tribune Media Services

College students are using fewer illicit drugs, but drinking — especially binge drinking — is holding steady, according to an annual survey of student drug use.

The University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research survey was conducted in 1991 and also includes the drug habits of high school students and young adults, which are in separate reports.

The sample for the college student findings was 1,410 respondents who were full-time students attending four- or two-year institutions.

As for use of drugs, 29.2 percent of the respondents reported using any illicit drug in 1991, down from 33.3 percent in 1990. With marijuana factored out, 13.2 percent of the students used illegal drugs in 1991, compared to 15.2 percent in 1990.

"In 1991, we saw a continuation of the longer-term gradual decline in the proportion of all three populations involved in the use of any illicit drug," the report said.

Researchers found that media reports about the danger of drugs, especially cocaine and crack cocaine, were instrumental in bringing some of the statistics down in drug-use categories.

"We believe that the particularly intense media coverage of the hazards of crack cocaine ... likely had the effect of 'capping' that epidemic early by deterring many would-be

users and by motivating many experimenters to desist use," the report states. "The hazards of cocaine use received extensive media coverage in the preceding year, but almost surely in part because of the cocaine-related deaths in 1986 of sports stars (University of Maryland basketball forward) Len Bias and (Cleveland Browns defensive back) Don Rogers."

The major findings included:

- Twenty-nine percent of the college students had used an illicit drug, down from 36.2 percent in 1980.
- Marijuana use dropped from 51.2 percent in 1980 to 26.5 percent in 1991. Daily use among college students fell from 2.1 percent in 1986 to 1.8 percent in 1991.

- Between 1981 and 1991, heavy drinking (five or more drinks in a row) dropped only 0.8 percent for college students, much less of a decline than rates recorded for high school students and 19- to 20-year-olds who are not in college.

For the same 10 year period, the measure for heavy drinking dropped by 11.6 percent for high school seniors and 8.8 percent for the non-college 19 to 20-year-olds.

"It is interesting to conjecture about why college students have not shown much decline in heavy drinking while their non-college peers and high school seniors have," the report said.

"One possibility is that campuses have provided some insulation to the effects of changes in the drinking age laws.

Also, in college, underage individuals are mixed with peers who are of legal age to purchase alcohol in a way that is no longer true in high schools and less true, perhaps, for those 19 to 22 who are not in college," the report said.

Comedian set to perform

The red-headed comedian named Carrot Top will be making a Valentine's Day stop in Maryville while traveling the college circuit.

The event is sponsored by Campus Activity Programmers and will take place at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

In his act, Carrot Top employs four full-size trunks full of his inventions. Some of them include a clothes hanger for short people and the best home security system for less than \$10.

His recent television appearances include "America's Funniest People," "Comic Strip Live," Showtime, MTV,

"Sunday Comics" on the Fox Network, A&E's "Comedy on the Road" and "Star Search." He also appeared in the movie "Revenge of the Nerds II."

He is a frequent performer at comedy clubs and colleges throughout the country.

Reserved seat tickets are currently on sale for Carrot Top's performance at the Administration Building from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and at the Mary Linn Box Office from 6-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Tickets are \$3 with a Northwest ID and for children 12 and under, \$4 for senior citizens and other students, and \$5 for adults.

CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 11

4 p.m. Inter-Fraternity Council meeting will be held in the Northwest Room.

4:30 p.m. Newman appreciation social will be held in the Newman House.

4:30 p.m. Panhellenic Council meeting will be held in the Stockman Room.

5 p.m. Passion Play auditions will be held in the J.W. Jones Student Union East Ballroom.

5:30 p.m. Tau Phi Upsilon meeting will be held in the Regents Room.

7:30 p.m. Pickle Family Circus will be held in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$5 with a Northwest ID, \$8 for senior citizens and students, and \$10 for adults.

Friday, Feb. 12

2 p.m. RA candidate information session will be held in South Complex Lounge.

8 p.m. Alliance of Black Collegians is sponsoring an "Oldies but Goodies" dance to be held in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Federal Reserve Bank resumes are due in the Placement Office.

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Saturday, Feb. 13

10 a.m. HPERD "Jump Rope for Heart" will be held in Lamkin Gym.

'Cat/'Kitten basketball at Central Missouri State University.

Sunday, Feb. 14

6 p.m. Sunday Supper will be held at the Wesley Center.

6:30 p.m. Love Chapter will be held at the Wesley Center.

7:30 p.m. Comedian Carrot Top will perform in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 with a Northwest ID and for children 12 and under, \$4 for senior citizens and other students, and \$5 for adults.

Monday, Feb. 15

7:30 p.m. 'Cat basketball vs. Wayne State will be held in Lamkin Gym.

8 p.m. Northwest Jazz Combo will be in concert in the Spanish Den.

Second Installment due in the Cashiering Office.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

9 a.m. Spring Career Day will be held in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

1 p.m. Black History Month Hall of Fame will be held at Horace Mann.

3:30 p.m. Introduction to the 20/20 spreadsheet will be held in the Electronic Classroom.

5:30 p.m. German Club meeting will be held in 315 Colden Hall.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

3 p.m. Student recital will be held in Charles Johnson Theater.

3:30 p.m. Intermediate 20/20 spreadsheet will be held in the Electronic Classroom.

5:15 p.m. 102 River Club meeting will be held in 216 Garrett-Strong.

7 p.m. Race Relations between authorities will be held in the J.W. Jones Student Union.

'Cat/'Kitten basketball at Emporia State.

New York Life job interviews will be held in the Lower Lakeview Room.

Enterprise Leasing job interviews will be held in the Lower Lakeview Room.

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JACK VAUGHT/Northwest Missourian

Preparing the walls for painting, junior Kevin Koon and senior Kevin Hebner, sand down the rough edges of the putty in the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity house Tuesday, Feb. 9. The work is being done by fraternity members.

AKLs look toward renovations

By JENNIFER STEWART
Missourian Staff

After months of planning and going through proper channels, the Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity has begun to make renovations on their house at 421 W. 16th St. By doing so, the AKLs hope to make the house more efficient and more attractive.

In order to begin renovations, the frat had to convince several people it was for the best not the least of which was the bank which refinanced the house.

"We needed the approval of the corporate board and, of course, the bank," David Hancock, AKL faculty

sponsor, said. "We needed cost estimates for both material and labor."

The board was against the proposal in the beginning, because the house's mortgage would be up in almost three years. With the refinancing, the house would not be paid off for another 10 years. The board eventually decided in favor of the renovations, because it would increase the value of the house in the long run.

Before they could begin work, a significant amount of paper work had to be completed.

"Over 100 hours was put into getting permits and whatever go ahead before we could start the process after the break," Kevin Koon, AKL presi-

dent, said. "All the guys have gotten together and done everything on their own."

New windows, doors, siding, insulation and even private phone lines in selected rooms top the list of renovations. All the repairs are being done by the fraternity's members.

Kevin Hebner, AKL active, helped head the project. Because Hebner is a private contractor, it helped the AKLs with the costs.

The AKLs plan to save additional money by cutting the cost of heating bills. With the new insulation, the house will be more cost-efficient.

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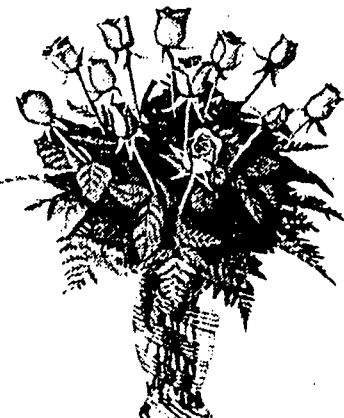
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Seminar offers tips for working women

By JODI O'HAIR
Missourian Staff

A unique opportunity for college women to learn from the pros and get a head start on the first career step was the objective at St. Louis Community College Saturday, Feb. 6.

The St. Louis Home Economists in Business sponsored the conference. HEIB is a section from the American Home Economics Association. Junior Linda Boehm was the only student from Northwest to attend.

Members of HEIB are graduated home economists who are employed by a wide spectrum of businesses and organizations including magazines, newspapers and other media outlets. Many HEIB members are self-employed consultants.

Students who attended this conference learned various things ranging from strategies for your first day and continuing throughout your career to how to create a successful on-the-job image.

The meeting started off with a panel presentation focusing on the transition from student to professional.

Kay Tomlin, motivational trainer/image consultant, stressed many keys to work effectively in a new job including researching the company before starting so you know some background information, finding out the unwritten rules of the company, reading profes-

sional journals to keep up in your field and other fields, and standing back and looking at things before acting on them.

Ann Bauer, Angelica Uniform Group human resource manager, continued by defining sexual harassment and giving tips on how to handle this situation.

Her definitions of sexual harassment were unwanted sexual advances; offering employment benefits in exchange for sexual favors; visual conduct, leering or sexual advancements displaying sexually suggestive objects or pictures; verbal conduct or sexual advances; and physical conduct.

Nancy Nix-Rice, certified image consultant, presented a professional image through wardrobe development and how to project the correct mes-

sage on the job.

"She showed how to make the correct first impression from your clothing attire to the neatness of the nails," Boehm said.

Boehm expressed her beliefs on how important conferences are.

"I feel it is important for students to attend conferences so they get a chance to network with professionals and learn outside the classroom," Boehm said. "Listening to lectures at conferences is something not taught in textbooks and is much more interesting. Also, conferences like this give an extra edge for interns and resumes."

Gay, lesbian rights groups urge boycott of Colorado

Spring Break students asked to avoid state, protest discrimination

Tribune Media Service

Although a controversial anti-gay rights measure in Colorado is in legal limbo, gay and lesbian rights groups are urging people, including vacationing college students, to stay away from the Rocky Mountain state.

Amendment 2, approved as a referendum in November's general election, has caused a ruckus with human rights groups and well-known personalities, who are pushing a boycott against Colorado until the measure is repealed.

Actress/singer Barbra Streisand caused a flap before Christmas by urging fellow Hollywood movers and shakers not to go to Aspen to show disapproval of the measure.

Amendment 2, which was to have gone into effect Jan. 15, would have barred any law protecting gays and lesbians from discrimination. It voided such laws in Denver, Aspen and Boulder. Residents in those cities voted against the measure, but voters in Denver's suburbs, Colorado Springs and most rural areas overwhelmingly supported it.

A district court judge in Denver blocked Colorado from enforcing the measure until he can hear arguments on whether the law violates federal or state law. Until there is a final decision, however, boycott supporters are urging people to stay away from Colorado.

"If students are going to be here, there's a lot they can do to support our community. It's important for people

to make a choice that's comfortable for them," said Kat Morgan, director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center of Colorado, which is based in Denver. "If they come, I hope they come with the consciousness that they are coming to the only state that supports this."

The National Association of College Stores, a trade organization that represents college and university bookstores nationwide, has scheduled its annual meeting in Denver this April.

Because of contracts and other financial commitments, the association decided to go ahead with its meeting in Colorado. However, NACS directors sent a strongly worded letter to Denver Mayor Wellington Webb.

"In our opinion, this is a step backward in the cause of freedom and equality for all, and a step toward prejudice which already plagues this country," the letter stated.

Garis Distelhorst, executive director, and Elizabeth Goulding, director of meetings and expositions, said in the letter that until the amendment is finally overturned, NACS will not bring any more meetings to Colorado.

It is hard to gauge whether college students are supportive of the boycott. However, Stuart Himmelfarb, vice president of The Roper CollegeTrack, a New York-based marketing organization, said that students may honor the boycott.

His group did a campus survey in 1992 of 1,200 full-time undergraduates on 100 campuses nationwide. About 66 percent of the respondents said they believed intolerance against the homosexual community was a problem on campus.

ENVELOPE PLEASE



Northwest student Todd Maher decides if he wants to accept or decline his bid from one of the fraternities at the University during Bid Day. Inter-Fraternity Council sponsored Bid Day, which was held Monday, Feb. 8, in the J.W. Jones Student Union from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Culbertson receives award

Chamber of Commerce honors vice president for outstanding efforts

By TRACY LYKINS
Managing Editor

Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Culbertson's work in drafting a survey for the Maryville Chamber of Commerce has resulted in an award.

The Spearhead Award is an annual award given to a Chamber member who has given volunteer service or assistance and done an outstanding job. The award is given by the retiring president. Chamber President Linda Frye gave this year's award to Culbertson for a number of reasons.

"He demonstrated last year the ability and the effort it took to totally complete this project from start to finish," Frye said. "He saw to it that a computer program was written to analyze all the results. He did things the ordinary worker probably wouldn't do."

Culbertson said he did not think he had done anything exceptional.

"As far as I'm concerned, this is an activity we performed in this (Academic Affairs) office that we just simply considered a responsibility after a request was made for assistance," Culbertson said.

Frye explained the reasoning behind the name of the award.

"It's called the Spearhead because you lead the way with the project, you 'spearhead' it and see that it's totally completed," Frye said.

The award is always presented at the board's annual meeting, but Culbertson was ill Jan. 25, the night the award was to be given, so Frye gave it to him at a Chamber Cabinet retreat. He said he was taken aback by the award.

"I was very surprised," Culbertson said. "I had no idea that they provided awards for this kind of service activity."

"Needless to say, I felt honored to receive an award from the Chamber. This is probably one of the most important organizations in the community in terms of the visibility it has and, more importantly, the number of organizations, businesses and people it represents," he said.

Culbertson, a member of the Chamber for 2-and-a-half years, is an expert in survey research and, according to Frye, knows methods of how to get a good response.

"He used the same methods to make sure we had a real high response rate, which is what made it so great," Frye said.

The survey was used for the Chamber to review its image, communication to membership, responsiveness to the community and enthusiasm. Of 285 surveys sent, 208 replies were received. The results were used as a planning guide for 1993.

Frye said the award is a positive way to acknowledge outstanding achievements.

"It's a real good way to recognize members who help out a lot in an area that they're especially good at," Frye said. "I hope he'll help out more."



Culbertson
Spearhead Award recipient

Homicide astonishes Stanberry

75-year-old murders spouse with hammer; gunshot wound to head claims man's own life

By SCOTT VATER
Contributing Writer

The community of Stanberry was shocked last Thursday when Gentry County Sheriff's deputies made a grisly discovery inside the home of J.W. and Mary J. Rucker.

The Ruckers were found dead inside their residence shortly after 7 p.m., following what police are calling a murder-suicide.

Police said the home appeared empty when they arrived.

"When we arrived at the home it was very dark," Gentry County Sheriff Eugene Lupfer said. "There were no lights on and no sign of a struggle."

The Gentry County Sheriff and officers from the Missouri State Highway Patrol were both called upon the request of the couple's neighbor who was concerned about the welfare of the couple.

Authorities did not elaborate on what might have prompted the neighbor's concern.

Upon their arrival, authorities found 74-year-old Mary Rucker had expired in the couple's bedroom after her husband had struck her repeatedly in the head with a hammer.

A search of the home found 75-year-old J.W. Rucker dead in the garage from a self-inflicted rifle wound to the head.

The motive of the crime has yet to be determined, leaving the investigating officers, as well as the family, searching for answers.

The coroner found nothing during the autopsy; there is no subject to be charged with a crime and no way to determine a reason for the actions of Rucker.

"Right now we have no clue as to what triggered him," Lupfer said. "I have my doubts that we'll ever know. I'm not sure that this investigation goes anywhere from here."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Last Week's Games

Feb. 10
Northwest 83, Mo. Western 76
Feb. 6
Mo. Southern 73, Northwest 69
Feb. 3
Northwest 73, Northeast 53

Upcoming Games

Feb. 13
at Central Missouri
Feb. 15
Northwest vs. Wayne State
Feb. 17
at Emporia State
Feb. 20
Northwest vs. Univ. Missouri-Rolla
Feb. 24
at Univ. Missouri-St. Louis
Feb. 27
Northwest vs. Lincoln

Basketball Records
(Conference/Overall)

Washburn	9-1	19-1
Univ. Mo.-Rolla	8-2	14-6
Missouri Southern	7-2	14-5
Missouri Western	6-4	14-5
Univ. Mo.-St. Louis	6-4	11-9
Southwest Baptist	5-5	15-5
Central Missouri	5-5	12-8
Emporia State	4-5	13-6
Lincoln	3-7	12-8
Northwest	2-8	9-10
Pittsburg State	2-8	9-11
Northeast	2-8	5-15

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Last Week's Games

Feb. 10
Mo. Western 74, Northwest 71
Feb. 6
Mo. Southern 79, Northwest 55
Feb. 3
Northeast 65, Northwest 62

Upcoming Games

Feb. 13
at Central Missouri
Feb. 17
at Emporia State
Feb. 20
Northwest vs. Univ. Mo.-Rolla
Feb. 21
Northwest vs. Augustana
Feb. 24
at Univ. Mo.-St. Louis
Feb. 27
Northwest vs. Emporia State

Basketball Records
(Conference/Overall)

Washburn	10-0	20-0
Missouri Southern	9-1	19-1
Pittsburg State	7-3	15-4
Missouri Western	7-3	13-7
Central Missouri	5-5	13-7
Univ. Mo.-Rolla	4-6	10-10
Northwest	4-6	10-10
Southwest Baptist	4-6	10-10
Univ. Mo.-St. Louis	4-6	9-10
Emporia State	3-5	7-11
Lincoln	1-9	3-16
Northeast	1-9	2-18

INDOOR TRACK

Upcoming Invitationals

Feb. 12
CMSU Classic at Warrensburg, Mo.
Feb. 20
Mo. Intercollegiate at Warrensburg, Mo.
Feb. 28
MIAA Championships at Warrensburg, Mo.
March 6
ISU National Qualifiers Meet at Ames, Iowa
March 12-13
NCAA Div. II Championships at Vermillion, S.D.
March 12-13
Doane Indoor Multi-Event

NOTEWORTHY

Milwaukee Brewers catcher Charlie Moore lost his head - and the game - for his team on the final day of the 1973 baseball season. The Brewers led 2-1 in the bottom of the eighth inning, but the Boston Red Sox had runners on first and third with one out. Red Sox runner Tommy Harper took off from third on a sacrifice fly to center and was called safe at home. Moore argued the close play and then slammed the ball to the turf - forgetting that there were two outs and a runner on base. The baserunner motored all the way home from first to give Boston a 3-2 win.

"QUOTABLES"

"The only place where windows clean people."
-Duffy Daugherty, Michigan State football coach, describing a horse track

Bearcats claw out 83-76 victory

'Cats win in overtime, overcome 13-2 deficit; Johnson nets 28 points

By SCOTT ENGLERT
Missourian Staff

The Northwest, Missouri Western State College matchup has spanned the decades. But on Wednesday, Feb. 10, the 83-76 Bearcat victory may rank as one of the best ever in this classic matchup.

"It was a very intense game," sophomore guard Derrick Booth said. "Things were intense from tip-off to the final buzzer."

Things got off to a rocky start for the 'Cats as they fell behind early on in the contest. A Brett Goodwin 3-pointer at the 15:46 mark upped the Griffons lead to 11 points. The Bearcats slowly dwindled the lead down and took a 30-28 lead into the locker room.

The Griffons took over the lead at the 13:43 mark when junior forward Vonzell McGrew drilled a 3-pointer from the right side. But the lead was not held onto for long as the 'Cats went on a 13-0 run that included a junior guard Paul Brown steal that led to a dunk, then a scuffle between junior center Chad Deahl and Griffon forward Dwayne Coleman.

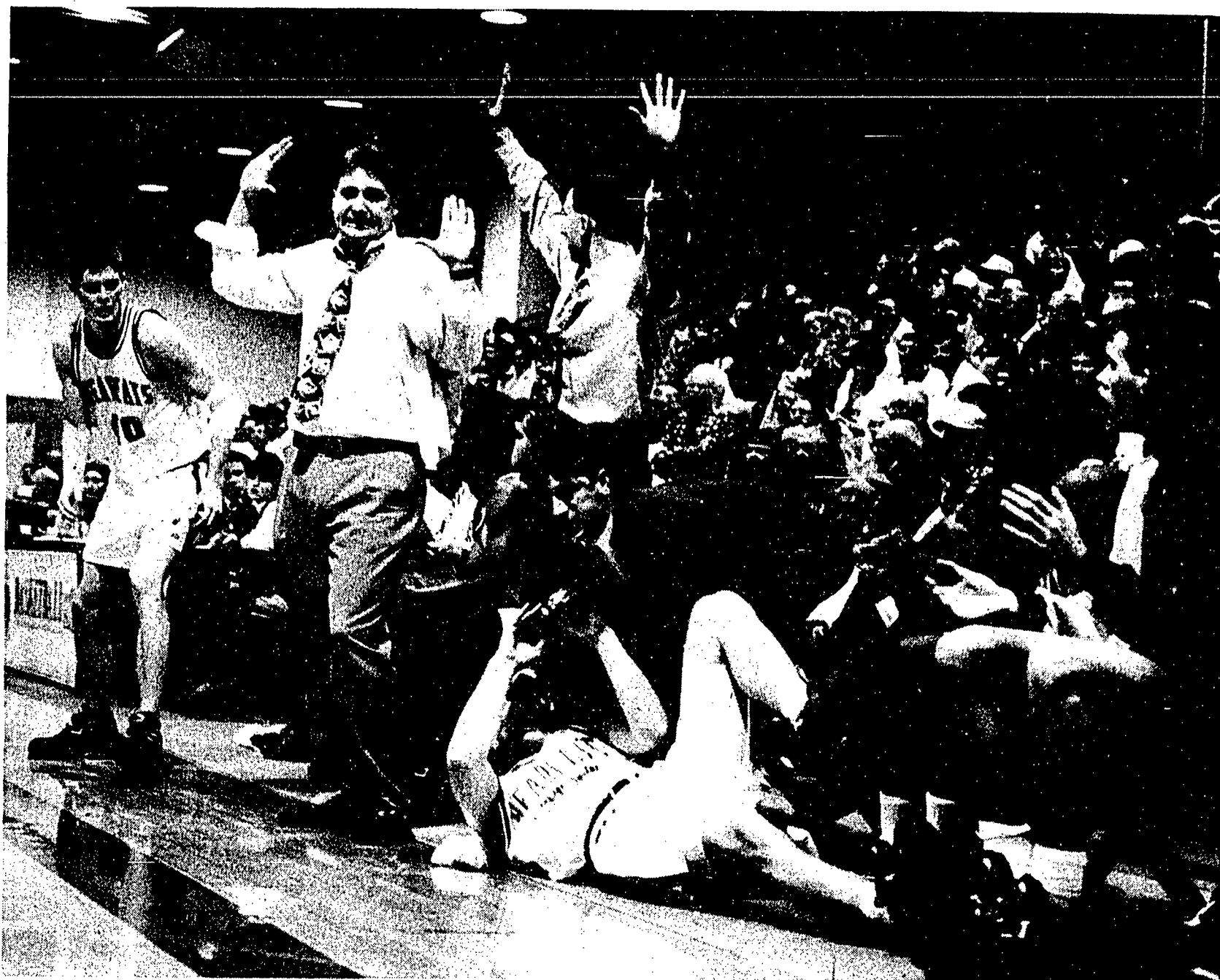
A 10-minute delay followed the episode while the officials sorted out the situation.

"Certainly you don't want to see a fight in a game," Tappmeyer said. "But I think our players used it to motivate themselves."

Senior guard Orlando Johnson was certainly motivated during the entire game as he turned in a stellar performance with 28 points. On the night he was 11-20 from the field and 2-3 from the 3-point line.

Missouri Western used a high pressure full court defense to work their way back into the game. They forced the game into overtime on an eight-foot jumper by Todd Kuta with only 3 seconds left.

Northwest controlled the game during the overtime by hitting clutch foul shots down the stretch. The Bearcats attempted 44 foul shots hitting 28 of those for a 63 percent average. Sophomore guard Steve Simon was 6-6 from



The Northwest Bearcats' bench reacts to a referee's call of a personal foul on senior guard Orlando Johnson during the 'Cats game against the Missouri Western State College Griffons Wednesday, Feb. 10, in Lamkin Gym. The 'Cats went on to beat the Griffons in overtime, 73-68.

the charity stripe in the extra period. Simon finished with 11 points, while Brown netted 13.

The win pushed the Bearcats record to an even 10-10 on the season and 3-8 in the MIAA.

"This was a big win for us," Tappmeyer said. "Even though their hearts are as big as they come, it would have been hard to get them back out on the court if we would have lost the game."

WEEK IN REVIEW

The Missouri Southern State Lions were the next foe for the 'Cats on Saturday, Feb. 6, at the Robert Ellis Young Gym in Joplin. Northwest played well throughout most of the game, but fell to the Lions 73-69 in front of 1,400 spectators.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3, the Bearcats traveled to Kirksville to take on the Northeast Missouri State University Bulldogs in front of 700 fans at Pershing

Arena. The Bearcats played one of their finest games of the season and came away with a 75-53 victory. The win snapped a 5-game losing streak and also propelled the 'Cats out of the MIAA cellar.

Things started off well for the Bearcats as they jumped out to a quick 9-2 lead. The 'Cats then held a six point lead throughout most of the first half and led at halftime by the score of 31-28.

The second half saw the Bearcats and Bulldogs exchange the lead four times.

PREVIEW

The Bearcats travel to Warrensburg Saturday, Feb. 13, to take on the Mules in an MIAA clash. The Mules are 12-8 under first-year head coach Bob Sunvold. Sunvold is a former assistant at the University of Missouri-Columbia and Southwest Missouri State University.

Competition appears tough for 'Cats, 'Kittens

By KENRICK SEALY
Contributing Writer

The Kansas University Invitational, stacked with a plethora of Division I and II schools and junior colleges, proved to be a challenge for the athletes of the Northwest men's and women's track teams Saturday, Feb. 6, in Lawrence.

In light of the competition, the 'Cats and 'Kittens managed to salvage a few good performances from their squads.

Taking advantage of the quality competition were freshman Justin Sleath and sophomores Chris Blondin and Lee Erickson for the 'Cats, and sophomores Tonya Drake and Carrie Wood for the 'Kittens.

Sleath in the 600-yard dash clocked 1 minute, 13.59 seconds to place fourth.

Sleath's performances over the last four weeks have captured the attention of graduate assistant coach Tom Hackworth.

"Justin has come in this semester and made a great contribution to the team," Hackworth said. "His work ethic helps to spur on the rest of the team."

In the 800 meter run Blondin recorded a season best of 1:56.37 for sixth but was not enthused with his effort.

"I am pretty disappointed at my performance so far this year," he said. "I feel I should be in a lot better shape than I am in right now."

Erickson got a season best in the pole vault with a clearance of 14 feet to settle for 10th place.

"It was a real good jump, but I messed up the next

height," Erickson said. "I could have had a real good day if I hadn't missed that height. My plans are to make it to nationals with a 15-6 jump."

Remaining placings for the 'Cats include junior Craig Grove in the 400-meter run, 50.60, 18th; junior Mark Roberts in the mile run, 4:25 13th; junior Brian Wardlow in the 55-meter hurdles, 7:96, 12th; sophomore Shannon Wheeler in the 5000-meter run, 16:06, 15th; and the mile relay team, 3:23.93, eighth.

The 'Kittens' Tonya Drake in the 55-meter hurdles clocked 8.65 for fifth, which was 'Kittens' best result of the entire meet.

"I felt fairly strong during my race, and I usually get pumped up whenever I run at KU because I've competed there a lot," Drake said. "I have ran against most of the girls there when I was in high school, so I get a lot of adrenalin when I compete there."

Head coach Charlene Cline shed some light on Drake's race.

"I am pleased with her performance this year," Cline said. "She is much improved and is running much better between the hurdles."

In the high jump Wood cleared 5-1 to take eighth place.

The remaining results of the 'Kittens were senior Melissa Smith in the triple jump, 33-53/4, 14th; junior Meaghan Wilson in the shot put, 37-11, 15th, and in the 300-meter dash, 39.18, 17th.

The Bearcats and Bearkittens will travel to Warrensburg to compete at the Central Missouri State Classic Friday, Feb. 12.



KENRICK SEALY/Contributing Photographer

The Kansas University Invitational on Saturday, Feb. 6, was the site for fast pace and fast times. Junior Craig Grove tries to establish his position in the 400-meter run. Grove clocked 50.60 to take 18th place.

BASKETBALL PREVIEW

Team & Game Information	Quick Facts	Players to Watch
Northwest Bearkittens (10-11) vs. Central Mo. Jennies (13-7) Saturday, Feb. 13, 6 p.m. Multipurpose Building	The Bearkittens are currently in a tie for sixth in the MIAA. The 'Kittens have not won a game at the Multipurpose Building since they built the facility in 1976. The CMSU is 8-2 in the Multipurpose Building this year. Jennies have won four of their last five games, losing only to third ranked Washburn, since falling 60-53 to the 'Kittens Jan. 23.	Bearkittens: Senior forward Jamie Long continues to terrorize opponents as she has scored in double figures in her last nine games. Sara Hemminger is the 'Kittens second leading scorer with a 12.9-points-per-game average. Jennies: Gina Blanks is averaging 11 rebounds over her last four games including 13 in the Saturday, Jan. 6, 69-57 victory over Missouri-St. Louis.
Northwest Bearcats (10-10) vs. Central Mo. Mules (12-9) Saturday, Jan. 13, 8 p.m. Multipurpose Building	The Bearcats broke a five-game losing streak Wednesday, Feb. 3, with a 73-53 triumph over the Northeast Bulldogs. Junior forward Darrell Wrenn's sprained ankle kept him out of the Saturday, Feb. 6, game at Joplin. The Mules entered the week coming off a 90-74 win over Missouri-St. Louis. The Mules are 6-4 in the Multipurpose Building this year.	Bearcats: erick booth has been inserted into the 'Cats starting lineup and has sparked the team with inspired defensive play. Senior Guard Orlando Johnson did not start in two games but was back in the starting lineup Wednesday, Feb. 10, against the Griffons. Mules: Ray Schufford matched his season scoring highs with 28 points against the Rivemen of the University of Missouri-Rolla.
Kansas Jayhawks (18-3) vs. Missouri Tigers (15-7) Saturday, Feb. 13 Columbia, Mo.	The Jayhawks defeated the Tigers in their first meeting this year Kansas on Feb. 1 the most to the Cornhuskers in Nebraska. Missouri is coming off a 67-51 victory over the Wildcats of Kansas State and faced the Oklahoma Sooners on Wednesday, Feb. 10. The Jayhawks are in first place in the conference and the Tigers are in tie for second	Jayhawks: Guard Rex Walters is leading the team in scoring with 13.4 points per game. Forward Richard Scott is the team's leading rebounder with 5.6 per game. Tigers: Guard Melvin Booker is leading the Tigers in scoring with 16.3 game, while Jevon Crudup is the teams leading rebounder with nine per game. He is also scoring 14.7 points per game.
Michigan Wolverines (20-2) vs. Indiana Hoosiers (18-3) Sunday, Feb. 14 Bloomington, Ind.	The Wolverines will be try to avenge an early season loss to the Hoosiers as the two teams square off in a battle atop the Big Ten. Michigan and Indiana have both held the nation's number one spot and this game will decide who holds it next week as the Hoosiers try to hold onto their current number one ranking.	Michigan: It is hard to pick one player on a team as talented as Michigan but while Jalen Rose and Chris Webber get the headlines, Juwan Howard has been doing the job as well as anyone at the center position. Indiana: Its the Calbert Cheaney and Damon Bailey show as the two all-conference, and possibly all-american, locks dominate teams both inside and out.

Playoff aspirations going south

Three consecutive league losses leave 'Kittens in tough predicament; double overtime keeps hoopsters in four-way MIAA tie for fifth place

By BRAD JENKINS
Missourian Staff

You could not have asked for a more exciting game when Missouri Western State College came to Lamkin Gym on Wednesday, Feb. 10, to take on the Bearkittens; just a better outcome, as the Lady Griffons stole a 74-71 double-overtime victory on a last second three-point shot.

It was a see-saw contest as there were several lead changes but in the end, luck was on the side of the Lady Griffons as they were able to stay tied for third in the league standings while the 'Kittens remained in fifth.

Senior forward Jamie Long led a scoring attack with 24 points. Senior center Sara Hemminger followed with 14 points, while junior forward Shelly Jermain contributed 12, as did freshman guard Amy Krohn.

'Kittens head coach Wayne Winstead felt his team shined even in defeat.

"Our kids played with a lot of composure and intensity and did a lot of things well," Winstead said. "Our kids deserve a lot of credit for coming back as many times as we did."

Winstead felt a key to the game was the clutch play of three of his starters who played the last six minutes of regulation and the two overtime periods with four fouls apiece.

"Stacy Rockhold, Lang and Krohn played heads up ball and kept themselves on the floor those last few minutes," Winstead said. "They provided us with the leadership we needed out on the court."

WEEK IN REVIEW

The Missouri Southern Lady Lions, ranked eighth nationally at the Division II level, hosted the 'Kittens at Joplin on Saturday, Feb. 6, and after the first 14 minutes in which the 'Kittens played well, the Lady Lions took control and coasted to a 79-55 victory.

The 'Kittens, who have now lost to nationally ranked opponents five times in as many tries this season, did not help their cause any against the Lady Lions by going nine for 22 from the

floor in the second half. They also connected on only one of eight three-point shot attempts during the night and committed an unusually high 23 turnovers.

Winstead said the 'Kittens let the game get away from them in the final six minutes of the first half when the Lady Lions went on a 12-0 run to go up 35-24 at the half and put too much distance between themselves and Missouri Southern for the 'Kittens to overcome.

"Our kids deserve a lot of credit for coming back as many times as we did."

Wayne Winstead
Basketball coach

"We committed a couple of turnovers with about six to go in the first and, had we been able to keep our composure at that time, I think we would have been all right," Winstead said. "They were able to get some quick lay-ups off of those turnovers and we tried to run with them. Had we not done that, I think we would have kept that gap down a little bit."

Long feels that six-minute stretch was definitely the turning point in the game.

"It was just pure chaos out there," Long said. "We had been playing pretty well up to that point but then we turned the ball over on three or four consecutive possessions and they were able to capitalize on them."

Although playing the five nationally ranked clubs has not produced any victories for the 'Kittens, Winstead said it has provided them with experience and a sense of respect, although possibly more than what they would like to have.

"I think it will make us a better team down the road," Winstead said. "I hope that when people look at our record two or three months down the line, they will remember who some of those losses came to. If we were trying to get respect through our schedule, then I have had about all the respect that I want, as I cannot remember a time when we have played so many ranked teams."

Four of the 'Kittens' five losses to nationally ranked teams have been to MIAA schools and senior guard Stacy



SCOTT JENSON/Northwest Missourian

Northwest senior guard Stacy Rockhold dribbles around a Missouri Western defender on her way to the lane for a layup. Rockhold had nine points in the 74-71 double overtime loss to the Lady Griffons.

Rockhold feels this makes the conference one of the best Division II conferences in the nation.

"Every team in our conference is a good team and for three of them (Washburn, Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern) to be ranked, I think that says a lot about our conference," Rockhold said. "But we do not feel like we have anything to lose when we play the nationally ranked teams, and if we

go out and play well, we might upset one of them."

A three-point shot by the Lady Bulldogs' Kristy Brown as time ran out on Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Kirksville, broke the hearts of the 'Kittens and gave the Lady Bulldogs a 65-62 victory, their first in MIAA play.

The shot came just seconds after Krohn had canned a 15 footer to bring the 'Kittens back from a five-point

deficit.

PREVIEW

Now 10-11 overall and 4-7 in the MIAA, the 'Kittens will be trying to end a four-game losing streak at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 13, when they travel to Warrensburg to take on the Jennies of Central Missouri State.

The 'Kittens will then take to the road again when they face Emporia State at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Basketball fliers help attendance

Bearcat head coach encourages students to support athletics

By GALEN HANRAHAN
Missourian Staff

Making Lamkin Gym rock for the Bearcat basketball team is taking flight in more ways than one during this 1992-93 season. In an effort to increase overall attendance at Bearcat home games, head coach Steve Tappmeyer has sent out fliers to all students on campus.

The fliers were sent out before the Nov. 20 home opener against Mid-America Nazarene and for the LMP Steel Classic the weekend of Dec. 11-12. The fliers contained a quick note from Tappmeyer encouraging students to head out to games and telling them student admission is free.

With three home games remaining at Lamkin Gym for this season, the Bearcats have already surpassed the 1991-92 attendance average of 1,994.

Upcoming opponents include Wayne State, Missouri-Rolla and Lincoln.

"We, as a team, wanted to take it upon ourselves to inform our student fans about when the games were taking place," Tappmeyer said.

Student reaction to the fliers has been very good. According to Tappmeyer, one student called him up upon receiving the flier and notified him he would be present at all of the Bearcats' home games.

The use of the fliers has made an impact in the home attendance for the Bearcats. A season-high 2,700 fans were in attendance to see the Bearcats defeat Mid-America Nazarene in the home opener.

The Bearcats also had good turnouts for games against nationally ranked Washburn and longtime rival Northeast.

"The student support at both the Mid-America Nazarene and Northeast games was instrumental to us pulling out victories," Tappmeyer said.

Through 11 games this year, the 'Cats are drawing 2,031 fans per contest.

Sports Information Director Larry Cain, who regularly takes statistics at center court, believes attendance will increase now that MIAA conference play is underway.

"The renovations to Lamkin Gym will also help attendance and make it a spectator-friendly atmosphere," Cain said.

Also, the new run-and-gun style the Bearcat team has shifted to this year has made the game more exciting to attend.

Johnson also noted he and other Bearcats have become more visible in the community to increase fan support.

The underlying factor in consistent attendance at games will be student support.

"Student support is a huge part of our success and creating a great basketball atmosphere," Tappmeyer said. "We would be very interested in any ideas from the students."

High-risk sports dangerous, but intriguing to students

Tribune Media Service

The risk factor is usually high, and the excitement level near feverish. Poor judgement can mean injury, sometimes even death in hard-core downhill skiing, snowboarding, in-line skating, road luge, sky diving and bungee jumping. Yet, a growing number of people in the twentysomething age group are seeking recreational outlets in such extremist sports.

The extremists generally speak in a language all but unintelligible to the average person. But "get tubed," sky divers make "HALO drops," extreme skiers watch for "decaying cornices," rock-climbers "place pro," and yet all of them share a love for gut-wrenching adventure.

Some thrill seekers said this love for adventure spurs from facing death.

"It is only through the direct confrontation ... only by staring into the naked face of death that we discover the true nature of self," said 22-year-old Stan Lindemuth, a rock-climbing

junior at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

When "the strength of your fingertips is all that separates you from a 120-foot fall to your death, you start to get rather deliberate," Lindemuth said.

The fear of death is prevalent in other sports as well. Northwest senior bungee jumper Mark Erickson did not realize his fear of death until the first time he jumped.

"I never considered death until I was up 17 stories," he said. "It's very exciting and scary, too. It gets easier the more you do it. The first time I felt like I was free-falling and I was going to die, but after it recoiled I had a lot more trust in the cord."

Erickson said his first jump enhanced his trust and his excitement.

"I was standing on the platform, and I was shaking," he said. "I was really pumped up. It's the same type of feeling you get from a roller coaster only more exciting. It's different from anything else."

Extremist sports, Lindemuth said, are "a healthy and socially responsible way of getting high."

According to Carol Holding, Northwest psychology professor, extremist sports generally are not perceived as a replacement for socially unacceptable ways of "getting a high." Holding also said they could have an addictive base.

This addiction to danger is worth it for some people, according to Holding. The key is to not take a lot of risks.

Northwest senior Scott Huegerich takes on certain risks when he goes downhill skiing. He has been skiing for six years and averages three to four trips a year.

"When you get going fast you kind of get a rush," Huegerich said. "You're in a zone. It may sound stupid, but it's kind of spiritual. There is the challenge of the speed and the moguls and the challenge to exceed."

A growing number of universities throughout the United States have started adventure-based clubs and or-

ganizations. One such group is Penn State University's Outing Club, which sponsors trips for spelunking, sky diving and rock climbing at a Bellefonte, Pa., quarry.

A characteristic of the twentysomething generation is an increased concern with environmental issues. The extremist enthusiasts are no exception to this.

"The cool thing about (the quarry at) Bellefonte is that an old environmental scar has been transformed into something useful," said Andy Amdt, a 24-year-old junior and president of Penn State's Recreation and Parks Professional Society.

Members of the Penn State Outing Club have made it part of their mission to maintain the climbing site.

Spelunking, or cave exploration, is another such adventure sport that has gained enthusiasts in increasing numbers from the twentysomething crowd over the past several years.

Thomas Craver, a 26-year-old

sophomore at Florida State University, is a cave enthusiast. According to him, spelunking is a "real study in panic management."

He goes on to warn that cave exploration is not a sport for the unexperienced or anything to try alone.

"Losing your way and traveling to death in the pitch-black depths of the earth is a very real danger unless a great deal of caution and forethought is exercised," he said.

Extremist sports are not a realm where the timid or the reckless can safely venture.

Information compiled by Kristi Underwood, Missourian staff.

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Johnson returns to court

Three-year absence, summer leagues aid in player's comeback

by GALEN HANRAHAN
Missourian Staff

"With a Little Help From My Friends" is not just a song by the Beatles, but rather a philosophy to Bearcat senior point guard Orlando Johnson.

Through his own personal efforts and those of a friend, Johnson is making the most of his last year of eligibility.

The 25-year-old St. Louis native actually had dreams of being a college football player before deciding to stick to basketball.

Johnson, a graduate of Vashon High School in St. Louis was highly recruited by Division I schools.

He went on to play at Southwestern Oklahoma State and also St. Louis Community College at Forest Park.

Johnson really made the most of his time while playing at St. Louis Community College, where he was two-time first-team All-Conference and All-Region selection.

Before this year, Johnson had been out of school for three years. He played in several summer leagues in and around the St. Louis area. When he was not playing in summer leagues he was working.

But Johnson was hungry to re-enter the game of basketball on the collegiate level.

Johnson's desire to play again and the efforts of friend Steve Lee proved instrumental in his return to collegiate basketball.

Lee has been a life-long friend of Johnson and also a former player for 'Cats' head coach Steve Tappmeyer at East Central Junior College. Lee called Tappmeyer and asked if he would take a look at Johnson.

Johnson was playing at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park when Tappmeyer first saw him play. His play impressed the 'Cats' coach quite a bit.

"He has brought a lot of positive things to our team and given us a different look on the court."

Steve Tappmeyer
Basketball coach

"Coach, remember me when I played against him in junior college at Forest Park, and he asked me to come to Northwest so he could take a closer look at me," Johnson said.

Taking that closer look at Johnson has proved to be a worthwhile experience. He has become a consistent player for the 'Cats, leading the team in scoring with 18

points a game gaining a total of 522 minutes of playing time and starting in 16 games.

Johnson stresses that a team concept and playing together as a unit are the only things on his mind. He takes an unselfish attitude on and off the basketball court.

"I never look at the stat sheet after the game," Johnson said. "The overall contribution to the team and picking up the win are the most important things."

Tappmeyer has been satisfied

with what Johnson has brought to the team, most importantly in the way of scoring and his up-tempo offensive style. The 'Cats run a motion offense which can open up the court for players like Johnson.

"He has brought a lot of positive things to our team and given us a different look on the court," Tappmeyer said.

Scoring and leadership are just a few of those positive things that Johnson has brought to the 'Cats.

The 'Cats have been experiencing quite a bit of pressure due to their poor MIAA conference record. Johnson is handling the pressure as best he can, and he will not let it take him or the team down.

"We've been close in every game," Johnson said. "I talk to the guys off the court a lot on a one-to-one basis, and I tell them it's all a matter of confidence."

Off the court, Johnson benefits from the academic atmosphere Northwest provides for him.

Johnson hopes to earn a degree in coaching at Northwest.

"I feel that coaches can market a player," Johnson said.

He said a player's talent at times is misjudged, costing a player the chance to play collegiate basketball.

Johnson said he would like to be a coach in basketball or be involved in player development on the NCAA level.



Johnson
senior guard

Reds' owner can still lead

Associated Press

An organizer said Monday Marge Schott, the suspended Cincinnati Reds owner, will be invited to fill her customary role - starting the pre-game parade. The Reds open the season April 5 against Montreal.

"Marge has never been in the parade, but she usually comes up and kicks it off," Jeff Gibbs said. "It's always been a big deal for her to come up to the fire truck and blow the horn when the parade starts."

Schott was suspended by baseball's ruling executive council last week for using racial slurs. She is allowed to participate in activities like the opening day parade, which is sponsored by a business association.

Gibbs thinks Schott would get a good reception.

"With all the abuse she's taken, people in this part of town see her differently," Gibbs said. "If she wants to come up and be part of the parade, she's more than welcome. I hope she does, although she may want to take a low profile on the whole thing."

The parade, which includes marching bands and floats, starts downtown and winds up at Riverfront Stadium before the traditional National League opener. Schott would have to leave the parade at that point - she is not allowed on the field.

The other baseball owners have agreed to let Schott watch games from the owner's box for the first month of the season. She can return to a box seat May 1.

Schott has not given an interview since the suspension was announced Wednesday, Feb. 3. Team spokesman Jon Braude said Monday, Feb. 8, he did not know whether Schott intends to participate in the opening day festivities.

Although the parade is not run by the Reds, organizers take their cue from the club.

"Generally, what happens is when the Reds decide on their slogan for the year, we try to incorporate it in the parade," Gibbs said. "At this point, they haven't done that. They've been busy down there."

Gibbs has a suggestion: "I think, 'Let's Just Make It Through the Year' is going to be it."

Although Schott cannot go on the field with Schottzie 02, her St. Bernard, the dog is likely to be part of the opener without her. General Manager Jim Bowden, her choice to run the team during the suspension, has indicated someone else will take the dog onto the field.

IN THE OUTFIELD

Appler signs \$2 million with Royals

KANSAS CITY (AP) - Kevin Appier, who made \$390,000 last year while emerging as one of the most promising young right-handers in the American League, agreed Thursday to a \$2 million, one-year contract with the Kansas City Royals.

Appier was 15-8 with a 2.46 ERA despite being slowed by shoulder problems in the final months. He earned the No. 1 spot in the rotation in spring training and went on to strike out 150 batters in 208 innings while finishing among the league's top 10 in ERA. He was the AL's pitcher of the month for July and won nine consecutive decisions between May 30 and July 29. Appier has a 41-30 career record.

NBA All-Star selections announced

NEW YORK (AP) - Five players chosen for the first time and three Cleveland teammates were among the reserves picked today for the NBA All-Star game.

Four of the All-Star rookies - Sean Elliott of San Antonio, Shawn Kemp of Seattle, Danny Manning of the Los Angeles Clippers and Mitch Richmond of Sacramento - were selected for the West squad.

The fifth first-year player, Detlef Schrempf of Indiana, will play for the East. Also on the East team will be the three Cavaliers - Mark Price, Brad Daugherty and Larry Nance - as well as Joe Dumars of Detroit, Patrick Ewing of New York and Dominique Wilkins of Atlanta.

Chosen for the West team along with Elliott, Kemp, Manning and Richmond were Tim Hardaway and Chris Mullin of Golden State, Dan Majerle of Phoenix and Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston.

The reserves were selected by votes of the head coaches in each conference.

The game will be played Feb. 21 at Salt Lake City.

Big Eight player of the week named

KANSAS CITY (AP) - Junior guard Brooks Thompson was named Big Eight Conference player of the week Monday, Feb. 8, for his performance in Oklahoma State's victories over two big league opponents during the past week.

Thompson had 12 points and 12 assists in an 85-61 victory over Colorado and 23 points, five assists and three steals in an 83-76 victory over intrastate rival Oklahoma.

OFF THE BENCH

Dallas Super Bowl victory symbolically important



Don Munsch
Guest Columnist

Glory days of Cowboys inspire excellence, self-esteem in youth

I can still recall the day I heard Tom Landry was fired, and, strange and cruel as it sounds, it was one of the best days of my life - and not just as a sports fan.

"Did you hear the news?" my dad said to me when he came home from work one evening in February 1989.

I hadn't heard the full story, but rumors said something about some oilman from Arkansas buying the beleaguered Dallas Cowboy franchise and firing all the staff - including the immortal Tom Landry.

"Yeah," my dad said. "If this guy buys the Cowboys he's going to fire Tom Landry and bring in his own coach."

Sure enough, a day or two later Jerry Jones, a friendly, enthusiastic, energetic and wealthy businessman, bought the Cowboys and held a press

conference aired live on all three networks to announce his purchase and decision to fire Landry.

For days and months, the radio talk shows were flooded with angry callers hostile not at Jones for buying America's Team, but his firing of Landry.

As the story goes, Landry was notified of his termination on a golf course in Austin. Jones walked onto the course and told Landry he was being replaced. And that was that.

Okay, so Jones mishandled the situation. But give credit where it is due: By virtue of the Cowboys' near-brilliant Super Victory a couple of weeks ago, Jones has orchestrated one of sports' greatest success stories.

The Cowboys were 1-15 in 1989 and the laughingstock of the league. I went to see the Cowboys play the

Giants that year, and Texas Stadium was like a morgue. They lost 30-13.

The next year the Cowboys improved to 7-9 and missed the playoffs by one game. Jimmy Johnson, Landry's successor, was named NFL Coach of the Year. That year I saw the Cowboys play the hated Redskins at Texas Stadium on Thanksgiving Day, and this time Texas Stadium was as loud as any crowd I've been a part of. Dallas won 27-17.

The next year, 1991, the Cowboys finished 11-5 and made the playoffs for the first time since 1985. That year I saw Dallas and Pittsburgh square off on Thanksgiving Day, and there was a new feeling in town as Dallas beat the Steelers, 20-10. "Da Boys are back in town!"

And now, four years and more than 40 acquisitions, draftees and trades

later, a Super Bowl victory. It wouldn't have been possible under Landry's archaic philosophy, despite his previous Super Bowl successes.

Which all leads me to a very basic point symbolized by the Dallas turnaround.

Any goal is possible if you work hard enough and don't develop excuses for yourself. And it almost doesn't matter what goal or aspiration it is - college degree, job, car, the list goes on.

Here's the final analysis: Success comes before work only in the dictionary. That's a pretty trite statement, but it makes perfect sense.

Desire for success should be a motivating factor in anyone's life, and once you've tasted that success there's nothing sweeter. Just ask the Cowboys. They're the ones laughing now.

PLAYER WATCH DERRICK BOOTH



Derrick Booth, sophomore forward and recent transfer from Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, has started the past three games.

"Hard work, going out and giving 110 percent is what coach Tappmeyer is looking for," Booth said. "He isn't looking for who starts the game but for who finishes the game working hard."

Booth said recent upswing in the 'Cats' attitude on the court belongs to the focused attitude.

"It's how focused the team is at the beginning of the game," Booth said.

"When they come out focused and ready to play at the start of the game, that determines how successful Northwest will play," he said.

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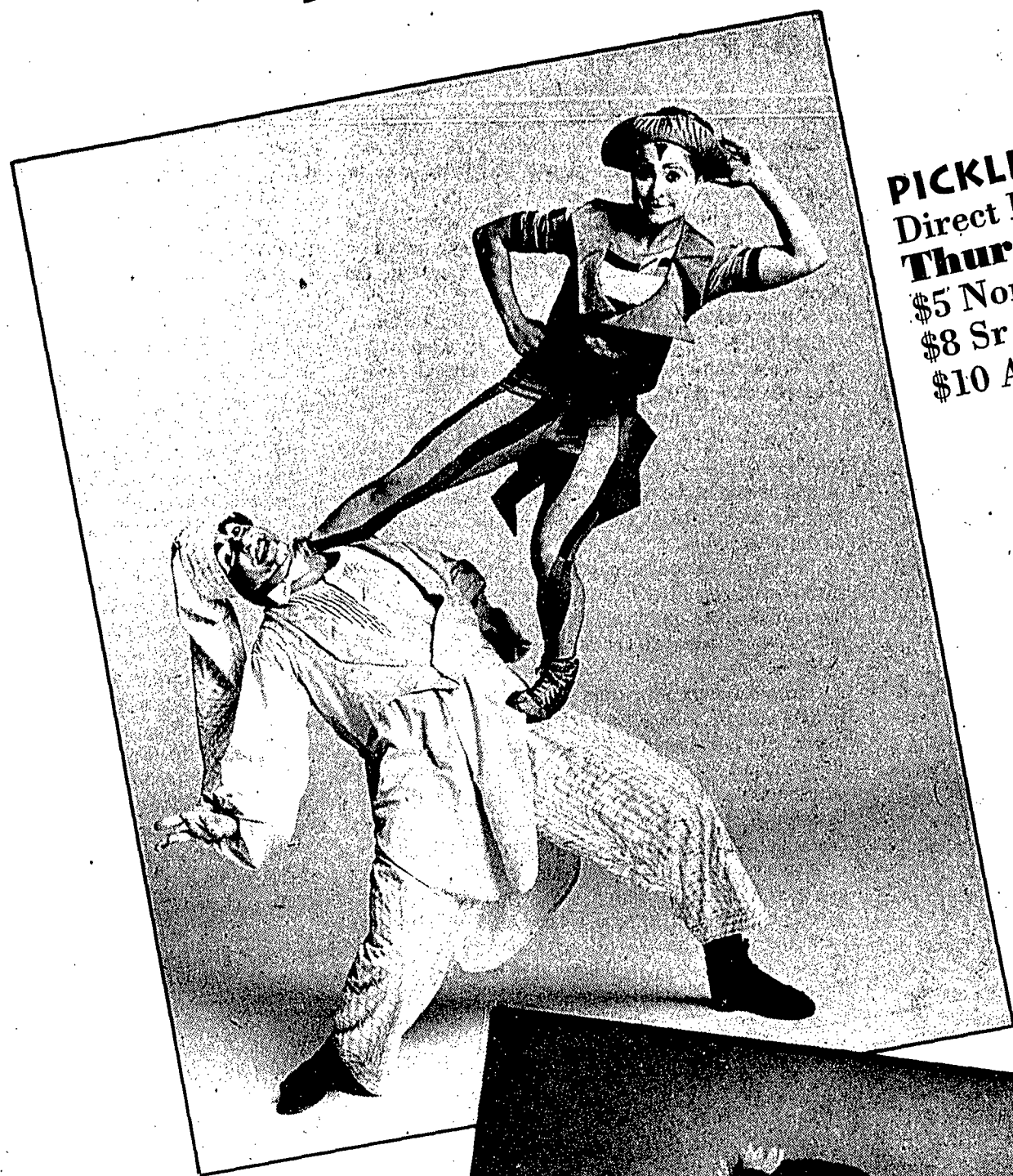
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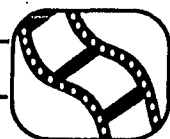
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Lawrence

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RACIAL TENSION



Cultural discord causes serious concerns

Current plight in L.A. brings students, faculty to examine condition of local situationBy MIKE JOHNSON
Missourian Staff

It is April 14, 1992. The acquittal of the four police officers who beat a black man accused of selling drugs has just been announced. A city is thrown into turmoil as looting and rioting ensue.

It is now February 1993, and the same police officers are on trial again for the beating of Rodney King, leaving some to wonder whether more violence will break out if the officers are acquitted.

Although a few people think it is a question of justice, many believe it is a question of race. Thomas Carneal, associate professor of history and humanities, said he believes there is racial tension on the campus.

"I have seen little caring concepts or attention given to the plight of the Asian in our society. I see racial remarks made about Asian students a lot," Carneal said.

Although Theodore Goudge, associate professor of geology and geography, sees a problem with racial tension, he said there is less of it at Northwest.

"Just like any person who has a language difference, the relationship would be difficult because of the language barrier. Otherwise, I don't think the students perceive the other students as any different," Goudge said.

Senior Jonathan Phillips, a member of Alliance of Black Collegians, said he believes there is some racism at Northwest, but it is not very visible to students who are not directly affected.

"The relationship between minority students and majority students is really decent. There's not blatant racism, but a lot of covert racism," Phillips said.

The Student Senate president, one of the

organizers of the walk on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, said she believes the situation is getting better.

"They're improving. What ABC has done to promote Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and Black History Month has been great," Jeni Schug said.

"There were over 100 people at the walk. People are opening their eyes," she said.

Racism is caused by many things. Phillips said he thinks the primary problem is lack of education.

Carneal said there are many reasons for racism in society and at Northwest.

"They are not sensitive. Jealousy that they are getting along so well in the course. Jealousy in the success of the study they put in it. Some feel people are taking advantage of a state-supported school," Carneal said.

The media also contributes to racism. Millions of people watch television and go to the movies.

Many believe the way minorities are depicted in the media contributes to racism in America.

"The media does have an influence because it can be used to educate. Here on campus, there are a lack of resources to educate people," Phillips said.

The pictures on the television and in the newspapers play a big role in the way the public perceives the problem.

"When you see a picture, it's like a painting. Different people perceive it in different ways," Goudge said.

One Northwest student said the media does not have much to do with the way people perceive the present social tensions in

most cities in the United States.

"There have been a few movies, but it's more a personal thing. People draw their own feelings about it," junior Mark Pichon said.

The trial of the officers accused of beating Rodney King will continue for as long as eight weeks, according to some officials. Jurors will spend that time in a hotel room without access to media, and their mail will be monitored to ensure their objectivity throughout the trial.

A product of the racial tension during the L.A. riots will go to trial soon. Reginald Denny, a truck driver from Detroit, was pulled out of his truck and beaten during the conflict. Three black men accused of the crime will go to trial in the weeks ahead.

Some said the outcome of the trials will be influenced by the fact riots ensued after the verdict was announced last year.

Carneal said the trial will be affected by the past unrest caused by the last verdict.

"Yes, in both instances we are going to find it difficult for the jury to separate racial issues, although in theory they will be told to disregard it," Carneal said.

If the verdict comes out differently than what the people want it to, more violence may erupt in the urban streets across the nation.

Pichon said violence may ensue if the police officers are found not guilty. He said the tension is too great.

"If they don't come up with a satisfactory verdict, I think the riots could start up again," Pichon said.

Phillips also said rioting will not occur to the same extent, but some demonstration is

probable if the officers are acquitted.

"Personally, I don't think it will cause another riot to the extent that it was. If justice is not served, America will know it," Phillips said.

Schug said the social violence has passed. "I don't think the black community will promote riots. They've seen enough of that," Schug said. "I don't think they will start out burning buildings. The media coverage showed that the cops were wrong."

Racism has been around for a long time. Goudge referred to late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall's lifetime of work toward finding a solution to this problem.

"Thurgood Marshall warned that racism had thrived for centuries and would not die easily," Goudge said. Justice Marshall was correct in his assumption. Racism may not be plaguing Northwest, but at other universities, it is a problem.

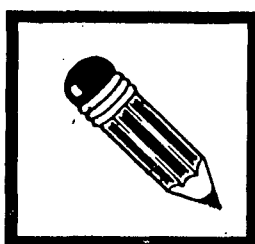
At UCLA last October, 200 African American students marched in protest demanding the student government stop giving funds to fraternities after media reports focused attention on racist lyrics in Theta Xi and Sigma Phi fraternity song books.

University of Georgia students protested when they found out a Pi Kappa Phi fraternity handbook included the phrase "no niggers."

A racial slur written on a trash can in the student center at Georgia State University led students to stage a sit-in outside the university president's office.

At the University of Florida in Gainesville, members of the Black Student Union protested the lack of funding for Black History Month by taking over the student government office.

Outcomes of the trials may not be evident here, but the results will affect Northwest students as members of society in the future.

THE
STROLLER

Night of slumber brings anxiety of cowboy poetry, GMC trucks and NBC talk show to Yours Truly

Dream of redneck poet dismays Your Man

The other night I dreamt about a number of strange things. When I woke up in a cold sweat the next morning, I could hardly remember the dream. I gradually recalled the entire dream, and it was a weird one. It was about an old friend of mine from high school. This friend was known throughout the small rural town as Bobby the Redneck Poet.

In my dream, I was driving my 1983 GMC pickup down an old country road when out of nowhere came a beastly looking animal named Roy. His real name was General Lee Roy, but he told me to call him Roy. Anyway, this creature came trampling out of the woods beside the road and smashed into the side of my red, white and blue pickup.

Now this is where the dream gets weird. I did not blow up. Instead, I was hired by NBC to take over David Letterman's spot with my own talk show. This made me happy, especially since the monster that smashed into my truck was the one that called the president of NBC. It seems Roy the monster was Michael Gartner's second cousin.

The next thing I knew, I was sitting behind this

groovy desk reading mail from my viewers. I guess it was Friday night. As I finished reading the last letter, I walked out from behind the big wooden desk and told a few jokes about how GE sucks. You know, the normal NBC thing to do.

Then I started to read the cue cards. There I was, standing in front of the camera. Hell, I was standing in front of the American public. I was not scared at all until I read who the next guest was. It was my old cowboy bard, Bobby the Redneck Poet. The crowd applauded as if they new him. One young lady in the audience even held up a sign which read, "Harvard loves Bobby."

The next thing I knew my old friend was standing in front of a microphone clearing his throat. He had on a pair of blue velvet cowboy boots, a flaming pink pair of Wranglers, a black T-shirt and a nose ring. He also had on a flaming pink ball cap with the letter "Y" printed on it.

Bobby had the audience in the palm of his oil-stained hands. He was, for some unexplainable reason, loved by all of these people. They loved him,

they respected him and they were ready and willing to let his words wash over them. They waited to hear his redneck philosophy. They yearned to hear his words concerning the hidden meanings of farm animals, pickup trucks and bull-riding rodeo queens named Wanda.

The whole studio was deathly silent as he read the title of his poem. He leaned back on his heels and tipped his pink hat up on his head slightly. Then he told the audience, in the redneck way of his, the title of his poem.

"This here is a favorite poem of mine," Bobby said in his raspy voice. "I wrote it while I was at a rodeo awhile back. It's called 'Ode to My Rusty, Old GMC Truck and That Durned AM Radio.'"

I woke up screaming as soon as I heard the title. I was frightened, and I wanted to run through the morning air buck naked to cleanse myself of this awful dream. But I didn't. I just grabbed a cigarette and convinced myself it was only a dream.

The Stroller is an anonymous column which has been a tradition of Northwest since 1918.

Bridal merchants provide exhibits

Wedding preparations can appear simplistic but become perplexed

By SARAH BROWN
Missourian Staff

With the feeling of spring in the air, thoughts turn to May and June weddings. To an innocent bystander a wedding seems simple enough — a cake, some bridesmaids' dresses and a church. No big deal, right? Wrong.

Planning a wedding is a huge task. Sigma Society helped brides-to-be while helping the community at the same time.

Sigma Society's bridal show, "And the Two Shall Become One," was held Sunday, Feb. 7, at the Charles Johnson Theater in the Fine Arts Building. Brides-to-be and their friends and family were encouraged to walk through the exhibits and displays before the show began.

There were exhibits for every aspect of a wedding, from cakes and stationery to beautiful handmade photo albums and skin care products, so the bride's face would look perfect on the big day.

Area merchants such as Randals, Rod's Hallmark Shop, Easter Florists, Livingston's, Ann's Wedding Stationery, RP Products, Beauty Control, Granny's Creations, Gilmore DuFresne North-Lite Photography, Annie's Accents, Jackue's Bridal Kitchen and Royal Neighbors of America had booths representing each of their specialties.

At the start of the bridal show, each person was given a bag filled with catalogs and brochures. Many had valuable coupons and a few even contained valuable advice, such as a day-by-day calendar of things a bride should be doing or preparing before her wedding. They were full of a lot of small things one may never have thought of.

The stage for the show was set up like a real wedding. There were candles, flowers and a pianist in the corner.

The show contained an assortment of bridal gowns, tuxedos, bridesmaids' dresses and other formal dresses for

prom. Mother- and father-of-the-bride outfits were also included in the show.

The models were not members of Sigma Society. The models were volunteers from various organizations on campus and people chosen by Sigma Society to assist in the show.

Model Calandra Coleman said the bridal show was a fun experience.

"I met a lot of nice people and had a great time wearing and seeing all of the beautiful dresses," Coleman said.

Following the show was a mock reception where cake and punch were served.

Brides-to-be Brianna Burns, freshman, and Peggy Miller, freshman, attended the show together.

"It was really interesting," Burns said. "That last dress really won us both over."

Both Burns and Miller agree it is tough to plan a wedding while in college.

"I realized there is a lot more planning involved than what I thought," Miller said. "I might be getting married this summer so I'm really looking hard. I saw a lot."

Senior Teresa Seitz, a member of Sigma Society, thought the event went well.

"It's been a tradition and has gone real well the past several years," Seitz said. "I've heard people say that this is the best bridal show in this area, better than the one in St. Joe even."

Seitz, who helped with the packets, thinks because they got information from places like New York and Illinois, they put on a good and informative show.

Seitz described Sigma Society as a service organization which does work in the community.

"We do several community service projects throughout the year. We work really close with Maryville Chateau, do a lot of baby-sitting, usher for Mary Linn and, of course, the annual bridal show," Seitz said.

The guests were also provided with entertainment during the intermission.

A wedding is a big event that takes a lot of planning. If it is done just right, it is a great way to start a new life.

"I realized there is a lot more planning involved than what I thought."

Peggy Miller
freshman



SCOTT JENSON/Northwest Missourian

Jenna Lantz models a gown at the Sigma Society Bridal Show Sunday, Feb. 7. Lantz plans to marry in the summer.

Swimsuit issue faces charges of pornography

Popular sports edition target of intensely fought battle over stereotypes, exploitation

By MIKE JOHNSON
Missourian Staff

Every year, scantily clad models fill the pages of the March issue of Sports Illustrated, putting the magazine in the line of fire of people who think of it as a form of pornography.

The controversy is based on the idea the magazine is degrading toward women.

According to the 1993 World Almanac, Sports Illustrated boasts a subscription of over 3 million. Libraries stock it on their shelves, and supermarkets put it in plain sight, but some say this widely seen magazine is pornographic.

Linnea Smith, a North Dakota psychiatrist, wrote letters to all the advertisers who buy space in the swimsuit issue, urging them to boycott it as a way of selling their product or service.

Although she does not think there is anything wrong with the models, she objects to the use of children in the pictures. She said it is unreasonable to believe this is a fashion catalog.

A Sports Illustrated spokesperson disagrees, saying the issue is bought by a lot of women who want to see what is hot at the beach. He added that the pictures are tastefully done.

According to some, the magazine is geared towards women as well as men.

Cheryl Meyer, a Northwest psychology professor, said she would not buy the issue, but adds that if there are 12 magazines on the table she might pick up the swimsuit issue, as it is geared toward women.

She went on to say there is a danger in any situation when women are photographed as objects, and the fact the magazine makes money off it adds to this conception.

Meyer cited studies done that showed sex offenders read pornography. When the women are shown as objects rather than equals, some

men feel they are entitled to have sex with them.

She said she could not see how pornography could be anything but degrading to women.

The Sports Illustrated spokesperson said the issue is geared toward men.

At the same time, the spokesperson said the issue is geared toward women.

Another spokesperson said the issue is geared toward men.

"It does not show women as anything less than women," sophomore Shelly Kothe said.

One of the arguments they give good for the issue is that it shows a lot of women.

"They're not just showing some of the best, but some of the worst," Kothe said.

This power choice of whether to pose or not.

"They are getting paid to do it. No one is forcing them," freshman William Nervig said.

Another student recognized that although it is the models' choice to pose or not, the magazine is doing it to make money.

However, freshman Eric Joe said, "It is their choice, but I don't think the swimsuit issue is necessary. They don't have anything to do with sports."

International Male is a catalog that advertises swimsuits for men and shows the models wearing the briefest of briefs.

Although it is not touted as a swimsuit magazine, it presents men in the same light as these women are being presented.

Whether or not the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue is harmless or not is up to each person to decide. One thing is certain though: Ladies who purchase these suits had better pack plenty of suntan lotion when they go to the beach.

Present day Uncle Sam wants YOU

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He wants YOU, but not for the armed forces this time. Uncle Sam (that is the name on his driver's license) joined in the inauguration festivities Jan. 17-21 to do his bit for patriotism.

Born Leroy Lincoln Rounseville, the 52-year-old retired fabric salesman from Quincy, Mass., had his name legally changed and took to appearing at all varieties of public events as the nation's most famous poster boy.

He began his stint as Uncle Sam during a celebration for returning veterans of the Gulf War and loved the experience so much he wanted to do it full time.

Then he promptly cashed in his life insurance policy and changed his name to "Uncle Sam" Rounseville.

"Once I put on that costume, I didn't want to take it off," Uncle Sam said on his way to the Arkansas State Society celebration, where his patriotic outfit and personal demeanor allowed him to cut in front of 4,600 other people waiting in line.

Last fall, he appeared at 109 colleges in 42 states to encourage voter registration, as well as putting in his time at the Winter Olympics and parades in Boston, all for free.

When his bookings run slow, he creates his own by merely appearing at sporting events and shopping malls, or for that matter, anywhere there might be crowds.

He refuses to commercialize Uncle Sam's image by accepting payment for his services, although in the future he hopes to become well-known enough to be compensated for his expenses.

"I can walk into every governor's office in the nation without an appointment," he boasted, but admitted he was unable to get a booking on "Late Night with David Letterman."

He uses his ability to draw and work a crowd to promote voter registration drives, while next on his list is the inception of a program called "Stay in School — It's the Chance of a Lifetime." Rounseville hopes to hit the road as soon as possible to promote his program.

But the best measure of his effect on people was the dozens of people who wandered around clutching miniature American flags he distributed.

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Valentine's Day presents many students with the dilemma of finding a special gift for a boyfriend, girlfriend or significant other. Kerri Ratcliff searches through the cards at Rod's Hallmark Shop in Maryville. According to Kitty Bagby, owner of the store, Valentine's Day is one of the biggest holidays.

Valentines sweeten lives

Seeking love, romance fulfills relationships with special memories

By JENNIFER STEWART
Missourian Staff

Red roses, pink cards with sentimental messages inscribed on the inside, and hundreds of candies and sweets to last the year through remind people of the upcoming holiday dedicated to the celebration of love. On Feb. 14, we set aside time to honor our loved ones.

Valentine's Day is a special day for those struck by Cupid's arrow. Those who celebrate the day for lovers may have their own ideas and traditions as to what to do. Going out to dinner and sending flowers or balloons top the list for Valentine's Day events, but that can get to be monotonous after a few times. For couples nowadays, the unique and extremely romantic is what they strive for.

For sophomore Dawn Milburn and freshman Tony Torrez it will be the first Valentine's Day they will spend together. They both want the event to be special and memorable.

Milburn and Torrez met at Northwest this year and plan to go to St. Louis to celebrate the special day.

Top 5 Valentine phrases loved ones say

SHE SAYS

- ♥ How did a girl like me end up with a terrific guy like you?
- ♥ I wish we could spend the rest of our lives together!
- ♥ When we are together I feel as if nothing could harm me!
- ♥ I wish this moment could last forever!
- ♥ I love you!

HE SAYS

- ♥ No one makes me happier than when I'm with you!
- ♥ I'd rather be here with you than anywhere else in the world!
- ♥ You are the most important thing in my life!
- ♥ If I could do it all over again I wouldn't change a thing!
- ♥ You are the only one for me!

Milburn hopes to make a romantic candlelight dinner in front of the fireplace for her boyfriend.

"One thing that makes things even more exciting and special is that it will be the first time Tony will meet my parents," Milburn said. "I'm kind of anxious about the event."

Sometimes the most ordinary act on Valentine's Day can turn into an unforgettable event.

Junior Brian Cook sent his fiancée freshman Andrea Jackson, six red roses for their first Valentine's. It had been six days since their first date, and Cook thought it would be a nice surprise.

Before Jackson had received the roses, she too had a surprise for Cook. "I wrote him a letter telling him how I didn't think it would work out

between us, and I was going to go back out with my ex," Jackson said. "That was bad enough, until I later got the roses Brian had sent me."

The roses had meant too much to Jackson to go unnoticed. It only took a couple of weeks before she and Cook were back together.

That was four years ago, and today they are planning their summer wedding.

Valentine's is a day where each person can set aside some time for one another. Spending time and giving special gifts can be appreciated.

"The flowers are nice, but I'd trade the flowers and balloons for just some quiet time alone," Curtis Heldstab, a sophomore, said. "A little note that says 'I love you' out of the blue can

show that you value the relationship more than anything."

Heldstab said simple, romantic gestures can be more meaningful than any monetary gift.

"I'll be giving handmade gifts out this year instead of something everyone can get at Wal-Mart," Heldstab said. "It's unique, and it means more to the person getting it."

Others also agree with giving gifts from the heart.

Leland May, professor of English, said Valentine's Day is a good opportunity to be kind to neighbors.

"For years we made an effort to give the neighbor next door, who was 100 years old, an African violet or a homemade valentine," May said. "I know that it really meant a lot to her."

Year after year, campuses remain true to traditions

Universities maintain crazy, unique traditions of nude runners, rats

Tribune Media Service

Traditions, from the serious to the absurd, are a major facet of college life. And each college and university has its own story, its own tradition, that makes the institution unique — and some a little more than others.

Some schools perpetuate tradition through animal acts, unusual initiation ceremonies, canceling classes on a whim and students who expose themselves in various inventive ways.

Sophomores at Princeton University in New Jersey take their clothes off and streak around the university and town during the first snowfall. It's gone on since the 1970s, said a university spokeswoman, adding that the practice is not sanctioned by the school.

Last year charges were brought against 39 students, who had to serve community time. The local police department videotaped the whole thing, the spokeswoman said, and the university promised consequences for future streaking.

In early December, there was a repeat performance, and tradition was upheld.

During a major snowstorm, about 250 students ran naked through the uni-

versity and town, with about 50 nude students running through a restaurant and 75 running amok in a convenience store.

Two students were arrested in the store and charged with lewdness, disorderly conduct, possession of stolen property and shoplifting, police said.

Other schools have traditions focused on members of the rodent family.

Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., and Kalamazoo College in Kalamazoo, Mich., both have traditions that revolve around the common rat.

Actually, Whitman's custom involves a more exotic species of rat than your everyday, common rodent: the kangaroo rat, or roo rat for short. Students and faculty got together and formed a special society.

The Roo Rat Society was formed 25 years ago by science department faculty and science students as an exercise to show how students can be kind to lab animals, Whitman spokeswoman Lenel Williams said. There are also some other requirements for students.

"For students to stay in (the Roo Rat Society) they have to do something environmental once a year," Williams

said. "It's sort of neat and quirky. Especially for a serious small liberal arts college."

On the appointed night, a group of Roo Rat wannabes drive to Wallula Gap, about 40 miles from the school, with Roo Rat alumni.

They drive up a gravel road, stop their vehicles and leave the lights on. The roo rats will start dashing across the light beams.

Students, faculty members and other college employees try to catch a roo rat, and once caught, they let it go. That is how you join the society.

"They're very quick," Williams said. "Once you catch them, sometimes they sit on your arm and stare at you."

More toward the center of the country, at Kalamazoo College in Michigan, a Rat Olympics has been held for the past five years. The summer of

1992 games were halted because the real Olympics Committee got mad about the unauthorized use of the word "olympics." School officials want to see the tradition continue this year.

The rat races were the brain child of the psychology department, said Kalamazoo spokesman Scotty Allen.

"We're a year around school," Allen

said. "Some faculty members thought they would live up classes in the summertime."

The faculty members wanted to show students how to take care of rats humanely, so the students put together the Rat Olympics.

"It was remarkable," Allen said. "Animals that the students approached with trembling and fear became real pets to them."

At Juniata College in Huntingdon, Penn., students and faculty take a surprise day off every fall to celebrate Mountain Day. Classes are canceled for the day, and they go to a state park for food, organized games and recreation. The day is never announced in advance and is planned by a student committee.

At Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., classes are canceled for Fox Day, which has been held since 1925. When the school president decides a spring day is perfect for playing hooky, a statue of a fox is put on the campus lawn.

Most colleges have some sort of tradition. Some last longer than others. The important thing is they remain a part of the college experience. Traditions are simply a part of college life.

Colleges protect pedestrians from bicycle-caused accidents

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Bicycles, long the trusty transportation choice of college students, are rolling into problems on college campuses as officials try and balance the demands of bikers, pedestrians and drivers.

While bicyclists and walkers peacefully co-exist for the most part, some schools are taking measures to crack down on bicyclists who pedal through campuses. Bikers and pedestrians many times are competing for the same space to traverse around school.

At the University of Central Florida, a sidewalk safety committee has proposed banning bikes and skateboards in a 1,200-foot radius around the main academic area. This has brought a host of complaints from the student body and a strong reaction from the student newspaper.

Meanwhile, the police department at the University of Texas-Austin is handing out warnings to bicyclists who break traffic laws. Patrols with university police officers on bicycles were added because of student complaints. About

50 warnings have been issued since November, Capt. Rollin Donelson said, adding that the police department estimates there are 3,000 to 7,000 bikes on campus daily.

There have been at least four accidents involving bikers and pedestrians this fall, with some injuries, Donelson said. Some people were run over, and others had to jump out of the way of bikes, resulting in sprains and scratches. One bicyclist broke an arm.

The police department's bike patrol has "been implemented off and on throughout the years as we received complaints. We put out the bike patrol in certain areas of the campus that had problems," Donelson said. "We decided to take a pro-active approach."

Under Texas law, bicyclists are subject to the same laws that motorists are, such as speed limits and obeying all traffic signs. That doesn't mean that bikers are vigilant in obeying those laws, Donelson said.

"Students tend to run stop signs all the time. Another violation is riding on sidewalks," he said. "It's a cyclical

thing. Students don't want to pay fines, so they back off. Then they start again, and we get complaints, so we send out the patrols. It's a never-ending cycle."

At the University of Central Florida, a sidewalk safety committee proposed closing off the main academic area to bicyclists and in-line skaters.

"The committee is aware that density is getting high. As a growing institution we are getting more pedestrian traffic between the academic buildings and the outside area," McFall said.

"The committee thought it prudent to ban bicycles, skateboards and Rollerblades," he said.

Others on campus thought differently. The Central Florida Future, the campus newspaper, published a picture of the head of university, President John Hitt, on the body of Adolf Hitler, calling him "Hitt-ler," and wrote an editorial condemning the proposed rule change.

Hitt, in a statement to the university, said he has reservations about the proposal and wants more input.

"I trust that further discussion of this matter will proceed with reason, dignity and respect," Hitt wrote.

UCF's police department has a bike patrol that would be exempt from the proposed rule.

Some schools are promoting bicycling as an alternative transportation to cars. Some universities try and encourage students to ride or walk to classes.

"We're trying to promote more bicycling because Sacramento has air-quality problems," said Kathy Robertson, director of Peak Adventures, an on-campus bicycle shop. "We have occasional accidents, but there is no widespread call for banning bikes."

She said California State University bans bikes from the academic areas of campus because of the high number of walkers.

Officials at the University of Wisconsin-Madison want to limit skateboarding because of concerns about injuries both to the skateboarders and pedestrians, a campus spokeswoman said.

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Murray's comical attraction makes winter 'Day' special

I had a friend from my teen years who was in love with the Bill Murray character in "Caddyshack." Yeah, you remember Carl, the unkempt golf course assistant grounds keeper who spent most of his time trying to annihilate a pesky gopher who created havoc under the course. Carl never succeeded in baiting him, but this problem never bothered my friend; he thought Murray's character was a comic genius.

In retrospect, I can't figure out why. Carl has never been one of my favorite Murray characters. Actually, my favorite Murray character never appeared in a movie or "Saturday Night Live" skit. I'll always prefer his radio deejay character from a "National Lampoon" tape I own.

In the tape, Murray plays a disc jockey who must raise money to keep his dying station on the air. He asks listeners for support and threatens them he'll not play music if they don't respond. He becomes indignant.

"A couple dollars! A couple dollars! It's not that much money! We've been playing what you want!" he shouts. He then rattles off all the great programming the station airs, including the fish cheer, the only station in the whole tri-state area to play it. He then adds, "We play a lot of crap, but, but that's what you want, you know?"

It's that sort of desperation and comic invention Murray projects in

"Groundhog Day," which is not his best film but certainly the best work he's done since "Ghostbusters." In the film, Murray plays Phil Connors, a Pittsburgh TV weather man sent to Punxsutawney, Penn., (actually filmed in Illinois) to cover the Groundhog Day festivities. He grudgingly accepts his assignment, which has him reporting on location from Punxsutawney Phil's home, which appears to be a box in the town square.

Anyway, Phil completes his assignment with a minimal amount of enthusiasm and effort, and heads back to Pittsburgh the same day. Unfortunately, Phil and his crew (Andie MacDowell and Chris Elliott) get caught in a snow storm and must turn back to Punxsutawney. Murray grumpily retreats back to his bed and breakfast from where he spent the night before. The next day Murray wakes up and experiences déjà vu — everything that happened the day before happens again. But the catch here is it's still Groundhog Day!

This cycle of déjà vu occurs for a few weeks, where Murray's days unravel in the same way they did on Groundhog Day. For weeks, every day is Groundhog Day for Phil; whereas, everyone else behaves in a customarily spontaneous manner, oblivious to time or Phil's dilemma.

Murray seeks psychiatric help. No luck. He tells his crew that he is in this

"Twilight Zone" situation, stuck in a Feb. 2 never-never land.

They laugh it off, especially MacDowell, who later becomes the subject of Phil's affections. Phil then tries various forms of suicide to try to end his fix. Still no dice.

But then a revelation hits him. Since he is stuck in Punxsutawney reliving Groundhog Day again and again, why not make the best of it? Phil does make the best of it, which leads to all sorts of mischief, much of it with MacDowell. And here it's not wise to give much more away.

Is the film funny? Yes, much of it is. And surprisingly, the movie doesn't rely on a lot of cheap sight gags for its laughs. Most of the humor derives from Murray's keen, simple observations of the situations he's involved in. It would have been easy for a filmmaker to fill this material with a lot of dim-wit, infantile jokes, but director Harold Ramis lets Murray concoct laughs without pulling any sitcom punches. Murray, in his classic flat, deadpan persona, makes a great center for the action, as he learns life shouldn't be taken too seriously — or for granted.

Rating: ★★



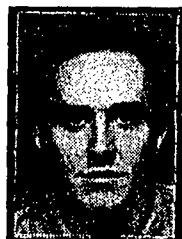
Don Munsch
Movie Critic



Bill Murray stars in the romantic comedy "Groundhog Day," a Columbia Pictures release. Murray lives the same day over and over in this farce centering around the day of the groundhog.

SOUNDBITES

Unknown band creates bold artistic album



Nathan Thomas
Music Critic

If you're a jazz freak, pay attention. If you like the Grateful Dead, listen up.

There is a relatively unknown band called Phish on the music scene, and their talent is something to behold.

They've been on the music scene for a few years now, and they are gradually building a reputation in the music world.

A lot of people know of Phish, but they are still somewhat unknown to the general public. Their albums are circulating around the college scene a little, but not to any great extent. They are definitely working hard at what they do. They've just released their fourth album titled "Rift."

Still, with their fourth album at the music stores, they are still unknown. Why they're unknown is a mystery to me, as they are one of the tightest, most talented groups to come out in quite a while.

This band has immeasurable talent. With the exception of the Grateful Dead, there is no other band to compare them with. Phish is the Grateful Dead with degrees in jazz.

"Rift" is a concept album. It's not like "The Wall" by Pink Floyd or "Operation Mindcrime" by Queensryche. Those albums are obvious with their "plots," if you will, and the way they blend all the songs together to contribute to a theme.

This album is a concept album, though. It is more like "Aqualung" by Jethro Tull or almost any Moody Blues album.

The direction of the album's storyline is discretely hidden in metaphorical phrasing. This is accomplished both in the lyrical and musical aspects of the album.

This is the kind of album you sit and listen to from start to finish. There isn't really any stopping point, as the songs tend to shift into one another.

The vocals are expressive in lyric content and in harmonic quality. Three of the four members sing at all times. None of them really take the lead vocals. The voices seem to blend together to form a single sound.

The lyrics have a bizarre sense of humor in them, which contributes to the meaning in the songs. Usually, the humor is hidden by the sheer oddity of the subjects written about.

A good example is in the song "Weigh." The first words are "I'd like to cut your head off, so I could weigh

it/Whaddaya say?/5 pounds?/6 pounds?/7 pounds?" The humor doesn't come solely from the words, but also by the way they sing them. They sing in an upbeat and bouncy style. They sing almost innocently at times. You must hear it.

The music is incredible. The setup is the basic four-piece band with a guitar, a bass, keyboards and drums. The music itself, however, is not basic. This is one of the few bands today that not only know what a mode is, but actually use a few of them.

The musical direction, pace and mood can change at will, as in "Mound." In this instance, it sounds like each instrument is playing a different song, until the drummer changes his beat to a different time signature, tying everything together and taking off. It's damn impressive.

Everything about this album and this group is impressive.

All the brilliant work these four guys put into their final product will amaze the listener who has grown accustomed to the average music of today. This stuff is real, and it is good.

The only thing lacking on this album is live tracks. Hearing these guys live grabs the body and the soul. They are true performers. On the previous three albums, there have been a plethora



★★★
"Rift"
Phish

of live cuts that truly exhibit their talents and jazz influence.

I also would suggest one of their previous albums, "Lawn Boy." It is an incredible album also.

With the combination of musical genius, talent and originality in this band, it won't be long until you hear more from them. And with a following that reflects that of the Grateful Dead in the very early years, it won't be long until this band is as recognizable as Whitney Houston.

For this effort, I give our friends from Vermont my admiration and thanks. You will not regret listening to this album.

SAY WHAT?

The Inside Scoop on the Entertainment Industry

CRAWFORD'S HOT TALK Cindy Crawford, host of MTV's "House of Style," is tempted to sign a deal with Fox to begin a series of one-on-ones to air this summer. She plans to continue hosting her "House of Style" gig.

HANNIBAL LECTER STRIKES AGAIN Hannibal Lecter is the 3-year-old horse that won his second race last week at Aqueduct Racetrack in New York. The announcer of the race described him as "devouring the field." The horse's trainer's daughter named the horse after seeing Anthony Hopkins portray the cannibal in "Silence of the Lambs."

MUSICAL CONDOM Paul Lyons has succeeded with his musical condom. He was awarded U.S. Patent No. 5,163,447 for a "force-sensitive, sound-playing condom." He wanted to keep his invention quiet, but since the patent, nothing is kept quiet, especially his impressive condom.

BUTTAFUOCO, FISHER CIRCUS CANCELLED Mary Jo Buttafuoco has become fed up with her family's story which has been turned into a "Mickey Mouse circus." She sent a five-page letter to several New York City newspapers explaining the effects the media has had on her life. She just wants to be left alone.

THE Crossword

By June J. Borli

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off the mark

by Mark Parisi



TOP TEN SINGLES OF THE WEEK

- 1 "I Will Always Love You" (From "The Bodyguard")
Whitney Houston
- 2 "If I Ever Fall In Love"
Shal
- 3 "In the Still of the Night"
Boyz II Men
- 4 "A Whole New World"
Peabo Bryson and Regina Belle
- 5 "Saving Forever for You"
Shanice
- 6 "7"
Prince & The N.P.G.
- 7 "Rump Shaker"
Wreck-N-Effect
- 8 "Ordinary World"
Duran Duran
- 9 "Deeper and Deeper"
Madonna
- 10 "Rhythm Is a Dancer"
Snap

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